



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

Staff Senate™

## Meeting Minutes – September 5, 2012

Call to Order: 2012-2013 Staff Senate President, Jeff Hays  
4:02 p.m., Senate Room - SUB

Officers Present: Jeff Hays, President  
Christine Self, President Elect  
Tamara Mancini, Secretary  
Micheal Gunn, Parliamentarian

Guest Speaker(s): We did not have guest speakers.

Roll Call: 38 senators present for quorum (42).  
Quorum is 2/3 of the filled positions. We have 64 total Senators.

Minutes: Minutes were tabled until October meeting because we lacked quorum

Treasurer's Report: No treasurer report this month.

### Old Business:

1. EEO Representatives: Secretary Tamara Mancini announced the EEO Representatives for 2012/2013 Staff Senate.  
Administrative: Micheal Gunn  
Professional: Audrey Breault  
Clerical: David Mondt  
Technical: Julie Spallholz  
Crafts/Trades: Steve Duff  
Services: Mary Jo Harris
2. Senator Kristina Lusk, PR&C Chair, asked for the Senators who needed polos to please let her know sizes to order by the end of the following week, September 14<sup>th</sup>.

### New Business:

1. President Hays mentioned the need for academic regalia for graduation ceremonies, which is a duty of the Staff Senate. Discussion ensued about price for renting or buying. Senator Wilde asked if there was a need to submit an issue to Constitution & Bylaws in order to make a permanent change in the Bylaws. President Hays would submit that issue; however, there was further discussion about simply placing a line item in the budget for regalia. President Hays will speak to Treasurer Pinkerton and discuss this option. The final decision will be presented at the October meeting.



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Breakout Session #1 – President Hays described the need for co-chairs within a committee, that these people needed not be 3<sup>rd</sup> year Senators since they would take over the committee the following year, and basic other duties as support within the committee. The Senate was encouraged to take a few minutes to meet within their committees, gather information, and select co-chairs for the year. All information was presented in Committee Reports.

Committee Reports:

### **Staff Senate Committees:**

*Constitution & By-laws* – Suzy Emre is the Chair; committee did not elect a Co-Chair at this time.

*Elections/Nominations* – Micheal Gunn is the Chair, and the committee elected Anna Young as the Co-Chair. They will hold a meeting the week of September 10<sup>th</sup>.

*Grievance* – David Mondt is the Chair, and the committee elected Taylor Johnston as the Co-Chair.

*Issues* – Betty Blanton is the Chair, and the committee did not elect a Co-Chair yet, but they will have a meeting on September 19<sup>th</sup>.

*Public Relations & Communication* – Kristina Lusk is the Chair, and the committee elected Audrey Breault as the Co-Chair. Kristina announced the need for representatives at NEO, as well as the announcement of 26 Bravos posted in the month of August. The Senate was encouraged to keep these accolades coming. Also, the August Big Bravo winner was Geena Woods in the School of Art.

*Scholarship* – KC Gilchrest is the Chair, and the committee elected Jenny Dean as the Co-Chair. KC explained the requirements for Scholarship (years worked @ TTU, GPA requirements, frequency of eligibility, and that committee members could not receive the scholarship), and also announced the Fall deadline as September 17<sup>th</sup>. It was noted that 10 scholarships were given this summer, the most ever in summer sessions, and that we offered 30 total scholarships over the course of the year.

*Technology* – Tim Gary is the Chair, and the committee elected Julian Hooker as the Co-Chair. Tim mentioned that the committee would be looking at web updates, and updates and changes to our SharePoint, which will be explained at the October meeting.

### **Community Committees:**

Campus Safety & Relationship Task Force – no report

Diversity & Equity Advisory Council – meetings are quarterly

Faculty Senate – President Elect Christine Self is liaison; next meeting is September 12<sup>th</sup>.

Strategic Planning Council – President Hays attends this meeting, and he noted that things were going smoothly; new campus strategic plan almost complete.

University Parking – no report

Announcements: President Hays noted that Raider Red was asked to participate in the CapitalOne Mascot Challenge. Senator Rhode explained that there are 16 total mascots in the challenge and that we needed to vote, and vote often. Voting can be done online ([capitalonebowl.com](http://capitalonebowl.com)), Facebook, or Twitter.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm, for everyone but new Senators.

New Senators were asked to stay for a few morn minutes to work with the Executive Board during Breakout Session #2. There was discussion of nametags, binders, and if there was anything else that the new Senators needed in order to be prepared for their tenure. The decision was to provide binders for the new Senators, which the Executive Board will work on, as well as making sure new Senators received polo shirts.