



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

Staff Senate™

Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2014

Call to Order: 2013 - 2014 Staff Senate President, Christine Self
4:06 p.m., Senate Room - SUB

Officers Present: Christine Self, President
Anna Young, President Elect
Blake Groves, Secretary
David Mondt, Treasurer
Ben Montecillo, Parliamentarian

Guest Speaker(s): M. Duane Nellis, President – Texas Tech University

- President Nellis is excited to be at Texas Tech, and as spent a lot of time getting to know Tech, Faculty, Staff, and Alumni since he took office. Texas Tech hired 163 new staff this last calendar year; these are 'new line' positions. President Nellis was proud to announce that we were tied #1 with Ohio State and Illinois for Fulbright Scholars. On athletics: had a great time being in San Diego taking part in the Holiday Bowl with the win over Arizona State; Ifeatu Okafor was announced as NCAA Woman of the Year. Although athletics is the "front porch" to the university, the staff plays the hardest part in the huge success that Texas Tech has. With many universities around the nation limited in expansion, TTU is on a building boom; previous dedication of Burkhart Center for Autism, a late dedication to the College of Engineering – Petroleum Engineering in late February, research park at 4th & Quaker, and new residence hall. This spring/summer 2014 needs to be a strong recruiting season as state funding will be determined by enrolled students this coming fall. With growing enrollment Texas Tech will be adding a number of faculty positions as well as staff to support.

Roll Call: **36** senators present for quorum (31).
We have 51 total Senators.

Minutes: There was a motion by Senator Downs, seconded by Senator Wilkinson and the minutes from the previous meeting(s) were passed.

Treasurer's Report: There was a motion from Senator Rodriguez, seconded by Senator Downs and the treasurer's report was passed.

New Business:

1. Handed out new Senator polos.

Committee Reports:



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Staff Senate Committees:

Constitution & By-laws – Nothing new to report at this time

Elections/Nominations – Nothing new to report at this time

Grievance – Nothing new to report at this time

Technology – Nothing new to report at this time

OP Review – Nothing new to report at this time.

Issues – Were having a scheduled meeting to discuss the newest issue reported; would get back to staff member by end of the month.

Communications & Public Relations – Working hard to get TechAdvantage going. Currently had 13 businesses signed up.

Scholarships – Spring applications have started to come in, 18 so far. The deadline is January 17th, they can be emailed to Staff Senate.

Community Committees:

Nothing new to report at this time for all Community Committees

The meeting was adjourned at 4:56 p.m., by a motion made by Senator Downs, and seconded by Senator Sanchez.