



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

Staff Senate™

Meeting Minutes February 5, 2014

Call to Order: 2013 - 2014 Staff Senate President, Christine Self
4:00 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): Dr. Catherine Parsonault, Assoc. Vice Provost for Planning and Assessment
Mrs. Jennifer Hughes, Director Office of Planning and Assessment
Mr. Marshall Thornhill, Athletics Intern

- Dr. Parsonault greatly discussed the Reaffirmation 2015 that the university is currently working towards. This is a three year process for SACSCOC (Southern Association of Colleges and School, Commission on Colleges) that gives Texas Tech its accreditation. There are ten teams working toward the compliance of all documents, to be due 9/2014. The OP Committee for Staff Senate is making sure that all OP's affecting Staff in the process is up to date.
- Mr. Thornhill talked of a new initiative he started recently, Project Jim. He got to know Jim Anderson during his time as a manager for the men's basketball program; Jim is the head custodian at the United Spirit Arena. He is always there with a smile on his face and cheering on the teams. For the last seven years though, he has been living in a tent on the property his house burned down on; this is the same house he grew up in as a child. Project Jim is set up to rebuild his house with help of nomadic builders and donations. Donations can be made at First Bank & Trust: Project Jim. <http://www.texastech.com/allaccess/?media=425325>

Roll Call: **44** senators present for quorum (31).
We have 51 total Senators.

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

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

New Business:

1. Senator Montecillo gave a two-month breakdown of the upcoming election process, again hoping that the Tech Advantage will be a last minute recruiting effort.
2. Tech Advantage is 5/21, as we get closer a sign-up for volunteers will be coming out.



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3. Staff Senate will be taking part in Strive for Honor Week as well as Arbor Day this year. Strive for Honor shirts will be sold for \$5 each and we will have our own plot of space to plant at Arbor Day.
4. Senator Downs has graciously volunteered her time to be the Staff Senate representative for Traffic Safety – liaison to Faculty Senate and ad hoc committee.
5. The Staff Senate 2013-2014 group photo was taken to conclude the meeting.

Committee Reports:

Staff Senate Committees:

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

Elections/Nominations – Reported earlier in the meeting

Grievance – Nothing new to report at this time

Technology – Nothing new to report at this time

OP Review – Currently have six to review, more substantial changes will come before the exec. board. With the new SACSCOC standards we are meeting compliance first.

Issues – Latest issue regarding a 360-Review, and tuition assistance does not cover certificate programming.

Communications & Public Relations – Reported earlier in the meeting.

Scholarships – 33 applications received for the spring semester, we awarded 20. Plan to have a June submission date for summer applications.

Community Committees:

Tabled community reports to have group photo taken.

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