



Minutes

November 4, 2015

Senate Room, SUB

Call to Order – 4:02 pm

Guest Speaker

- Josh Barron, Student Success Efforts
 - Undergraduate services center in the College of Business. Report on Student Success and Retention 2015: Certain measures from state and government to rank in comparison with others. 1/3 of students graduate in 4 years, 2/3 in 6 years. Hispanic Serving Institution Recruitment Initiatives. Bilingual efforts. Partnerships and recruiting all over the state. TTAP from 3% to 37%, transition from community college to 4 year college. CCAC. Tech Plus. Raiders Rojos liaisons all across state. Mentor Tech. Diverse Faculty Hires. Pegasus program. Connect students with these support resources on campus. Curricular anchors. Encourage to take full load of classes, more timely graduations. Retention is everyone's job. Task force for retention: tried to find places to make change. Recommendations: create undergraduate and graduate advising certificate program, expanded licensing agreement with GradesFirst technology, developing attendance tracking options for large classrooms (800 students in BA course, piloting technology), expanding midterm grading for all students (earlier on), send emails from GradesFirst for at-risk students. Already in effect efforts: 5 colleges took advantage of Provost's Grants, supplemental instruction (SI) for difficult courses, online appointment scheduling, majors and minors fair, counseling center (24 hour crisis intervention line), SSC Core Analytics campaign, documenting phone calls beginning November 10th.

Administrative Business

Roll Call Quorum: 37 Present: 36

Past Minutes (September and October): Tabled minutes due to lack of quorum.

Treasurer's Reports- September and October: no questions on treasurer's reports.

New Business

- Manhattan Transfer ticket giveaway: November 13th at 7 PM
 - <http://www.ttu.edu/administration/president/lectureseries/>
 - 4 senators selected:
 - James Hodgins, Ambry Shepherd, Ashley Whisenant, Tammy Pitzer
- Basketball Tickets giveaway
- Flower Fund- update from exec committee, discussion of setting up flower fund for staff people who have passed away. How to be fair for everyone? Best practices procedure. Senator Chavira said they all contribute on an anonymous basis, Senator Hunton sends flowers on behalf of department (department pays for it). Senator Chadwell: department buys with departmental account. How do we keep up with 3000 staff members? We cannot donate to Go Fund Me accounts. Develop policy. Make annual donation/memorial for all staff members who have been lost (Senator Baugh). Is it too big to something individually? Senator Ritz suggested buying plants from grounds maintenance. Kept perpetual fund going for plants. Separate rule for Staff Senate members to include family too. Is there someone from HR able to let Staff Senate know if a staff member passes? Would fund carryforward for flowers?
- Presidential Speaker Series Update
 - Athletics confirmed Tuesday December 15th. Have not announced coaches. Ballroom is booked. Working on catering and sending out postcards. Sessions from 10-12, lunch, repeat during the afternoon.
- What's Happening in Your Neck of the Woods?
 - No announcements.



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Committee Reports

Staff Senate Committees:

Constitution & By-laws: no chair.

Elections/Nominations: Randa is not present.

Grievance: nothing new to report.

Issues: nothing new to report.

Public Relations & Communication: nothing else to report.

Scholarship: Spring deadline set for January 29th. Business cards available for Staff Senate events. Will bring some to next meeting.

Technology: website published to new Omni Update template, updating information.

OP Review: nothing new to report.

Ad Hoc Committees:

Ethic Center Advisory Committee: Nothing new to report.

Joint Childcare Facility: Nothing new to report.

Sexual Assault/Title IX Task Force: Working on final OP recommendations and a final report to the president. Expect to be completed in next couple of weeks and disbursed for review.

Sharepoint Update: Nothing new to report.

Strategic Planning Council: Revamping strategic plan for 2015-2025.

TTU Senates (FAC, Staff, SGA): Nothing new to report.

Bravo Board/HR: Nothing new to report.

Campus Carry: a few senators went to the forum yesterday. A lot of misunderstanding still. The law has passed. The provost will release the data from the survey. 1700 against the open carry policy, 900 for it, the rest neutral. The number of people who said they were going to get their CHL, over 700.

Traffic and Safety Pedestrian: still in discussion stage, pass information to Senator Inskip-Paulk.

University Committees:

University Parking: met a couple of weeks ago, reviewed 20 tickets.

Faculty Senate: a lot of talk about campus carry.

Academic Council: tweaking of degree programs.

Provost Council: no update.

President's Cabinet: still trying to increase high achieving students and working on fan behavior.

Football ticket giveaway reminders:

11/14/2015	Kansas State	Lubbock, TX	TBA	Isaac Flores
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NEO Reminders:



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NEO Date	Senator 1	Senator 2
11/10/2015	David Noret	Tammy Pitzer
12/8/2015	Ian Wilkinson	Sarah Hatley
1/12/2016	Ashley Whisenant	Alan Cushman
2/9/2016	Jokari McMillen	Andrea Hunton
3/8/2016	Jennifer Chavira	Ambry Shepherd, Christy Rosson
4/12/2016	Stephanie Bohn	David Luna
5/10/2016	Alma Perez	Sarah Schwintz
6/14/2016	Rob Farrer	Randa Roberson
7/12/2016	Tammy Pitzer	Jennifer Maddox

Motion to Adjourn at 4:53 Senator Rodriguez, Senator Carrizales seconded. .