

Staff Senate Monthly Meeting

November 02, 2016

Meeting was called to order by President-Elect Ashlee Brown at 4:03pm.

Ashlee welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

Shannon Sampson from the TTU Graduate School spoke to everyone about grad school options for staff.

Administrative Business – 44 members present – Quorum

September and October minutes were approved. Florencio motioned to accept minutes. Ali seconded.

Billy Tiongco presented the financial report. Balance of \$22,587

Football tickets were given away to the UT football game. Alan Cushman won two tickets. Tickets were also given away to The Second City. Amanda Salazar and Jeff Valimont won two tickets each. Sarah Schwintz won men's basketball tickets and Randy Baker won tickets to watch the Lady Raiders play.

New Business

- Florencio Aranda presented the Diversity Committee and encouraged senators to sign up with him after the meeting.
- Josh Pia discussed an issue that was addressed to him regarding parking near the library. Traffic in the mornings is blocked making travel difficult.

What's Happening in Your Neck of the Woods?

- Randa Roberson – Costa Rica groundbreaking
- Sarah Schwintz – Gender Equity Council Nov. 16th

Standing Committee Reports:

- Constitution / By-Laws – Randy Baker presented revisions. Kacey Young motioned to accept revisions. Ali Luempert seconded. Vote passed.
- Elections / Nominations – Randa – committee met yesterday. Encouraged by new ideas. Will be discussing ideas with Exec at next meeting.
- Grievance – Florencio Aranda III presented online form and asked for a vote of approval. Randy Baker motioned to use form. DaNay Phelps seconded. Vote passed.
- Issues – Adrien Bennings – Committee closed issues at Exec meeting. Margaret Ceja met with Dr. Saca in Engineering concerning hiring committee issues. Committee is working on a Staff Senator Ambassador Program Proposal.
- PR / ADV – Alan Cushman – 2nd cup of coffee with be Nov. 9th in the Rec Center. Lapel pins will be ordered. Speaker Series will be Jan 12th from 9-2 in the SUB Ballroom. Alan gave a FB update.
- Scholarships – Christy Rosson – Online application coming soon.
- Technology – Josh Pia is working on streamlining communication between senators. Looking into online apps to accomplish more effective communication.

- OP Review – Stephanie Bohn / Wiley Guy – Approved OP 70.06 & 70.42.

Standing University Committees:

- University Parking – Billy – no report
- Faculty Senate – Christy attended meeting.
 - Dr. Galyean (interim provost) spoke about the importance of teaching and the impact faculty has on a student's life in the classroom.
 - Dr. Stewart spoke about ordering text books 30 days before the beginning of a term. This is state law and TTU has been non-compliant since 2011. Barnes & Noble – along with other local bookstores have the right to turn us in for being non-compliant and have apparently threatened to do so. As a result, faculty are being strongly encouraged to submit their books to the registrar's office on time.
 - Summer compensation for faculty – The Faculty Status and Welfare Committee has completed the proposal that will be sent to the Provost's office. Since Dr. Galyean was present, he was asked to address the issue. He said that there's only so much money to go around, but that a salary analysis is being done and will be used as a response to the proposal.
- Academic council – Ashlee Brown – Ben Sharp spoke about reaching non-traditional students. Military & Veterans were also discussed. Campus carry issues were addressed (again). An OP was prepared about marriage proposals at graduation ceremonies.
- Provost Council – No Report
- President's Cabinet – No Report

Ad-Hoc Committees:

- Ethics Center Advisory Committee – Ali will attend on the 16th
- Joint Child Care Facility – no report
- Sexual Assault / Title IX – no report
- SharePoint – no report
- Strategic Planning Council – Focus group meeting today. Several Staff Senators are in attendance and will be reporting to exec.
- Traffic & Pedestrian Safety – no report

Meeting was adjourned at 4:35. Alan motioned to adjourn. Florencio seconded.