

Texas Tech University Staff Senate
MINUTES for Wednesday, December 07, 2016

- Liz Paulk called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM. Liz and Ashlee were present, Christy and Billy were not present.
- There was one notation on the November minutes, but Robert indicated that he had emailed Christy the changes to the minutes.
- Staff Senate did not meet quorum.
- Liz updated senate on the financial report, primarily the budget for the Speaker Series and Tech Advantage.
- Liz mentioned the Appreciation Day @ the TTU basketball game to be held on December 14th. Senators intending to go are asked to RSVP to get an accurate count.
- Liz reminded us to wear our red polos to the appreciation game.

Guest Speaker – Robert Gioveneti (Athletics)

- Robert stated that he wanted to reach out and “thank” faculty/staff/and students for the support of athletics.
- #TTU FAMILY will allow for group prices on ticketing through December and January.
- It was asked if the senators would be able to include the promo code on the Facebook page, which was supported by Mr. Gioveneti.

New Business –

- Liz addressed the need for a historian to gather information in the history of staff senate. This will allow us to justify questions about “what we do”. Liz called for volunteers to start putting together information and possibly creating an infographic that would highlight the accomplishments. DaNay and Kelsey volunteered.
- The Senate Room will be getting a new name plate that reflect staff senate (previously only displayed Faculty Senate and SGA). Liz asked that we pay attention to how Staff Senate is referenced across campus.
- Liz proposed a Staff Education Committee and needs volunteers to begin the process of creating a flow chart that will show a progression from GED to PhD (available resources and contacts). We need 3 volunteers.
- Liz met with President Schovanec and it came to her attention that the top 3 positions in both SGA and Faculty Senate receive a salary of \$10,000 each. Staff Senate does not, but Liz will be working on correcting this.
- 2nd Cup of Coffee is scheduled for December 14th, but Alan indicated that there was a location change from the Power Plant to the Wiggins Complex. Senators and guests will be allowed to park in the R19 parking lot for 1 hour to attend. Alan talked about the objective being to promote Staff Senate.
- Liz addressed the change in agenda formatting. It will be more efficient to report only what is actively happening. An email will go out prior to the general meeting asking for those who have announcements and they will be added to the agenda.

Standing Staff Senate Committees

- Constitution/By-Laws - Randy will report in January about the Constitutions and By-Laws
- Elections/Nominations - Randa and Amanda talked about actually TAKING friends to the 2nd Cup of Coffee rather than just inviting.
- PR/ADV – Alan talked about the upcoming Speaker Series on January 12th. Also, the “Staff Spotlight” on Facebook to highlight staff.
- Academic Council – Ashlee – There is an ad hoc committee for the new strategic plan. Also want to update the mission of the university to be better at outreach.
- Provost search committee – The job description is public.

Official Business – Concluded at 4:35PM

- Liz called for additional updates and/or news from the represented departments. Alan said that dining would close December 22nd.
- Florencio updated on the Diversity committee...
 - There are 6 initiatives to execute:
 - Diversity Week (call for volunteers)
 - Host 1 event per term with Faculty Senate and SGA
 - 1 presentation at the Rawls Diversity Symposium
 - Diversity Scholarship banquet – we can charge for a table and have a silent auction).
 - A sub-committee would reach out to the specialized greek organizations and committees.
- The “grievances” form has gone live and is ready to go. There is an anonymous option.
- Liz read the names of the staff who received the Distinguished Staff award (great job!)
- Alan talked about the column on the sign-in sheet for birthdays and that we would like to recognize senators at the general meetings.

Meeting Adjourned – 4:45PM (Alan 1st, Florencio 2nd)