

Staff Senate Meeting Minutes

June 6, 2018

Called to order by President Ashlee Brown at 3:59

Ashlee introduced Garrett McKinnon to speak to senate about Academic Calendar – would revise start date of fall term. Historically started on Monday for fall & Wednesday for spring. New proposal to start fall term on Thursday. Allows for extra days at end of term for grade submission, housing staff would be better utilized. Would take effect fall 2020. THECB provides “common calendar start day”. We are allowed to start before or after those 7 days. Date would allow for Carol of Lights to always be on a Friday. Will be presented to Academic Council next month. Please send all feedback to officialpublications@ttu.edu

Quorum present

Elections – Levi Johnson motioned for written ballot – Billy Tiongco seconded. Newly elected members are not allowed to vote, but we’re excited that they are joining us. Levi prepared and passed out ballots.

Elections:

Steve Maines moved that Sarah Cuevas be elected by acclamation. Kelly Cooper seconded. Vote passed and Sarah was elected as Secretary for 2018-2019.

Speeches given by Treasurer nominees:

- Ron Baker – dressed as a pirate
- Kristin Miller
- Madison Proctor

Speeches given by President-Elect nominees:

- Jon Mark Bernal
- Kelly Cooper
- Jeremy Sedeno

Sarah Cuevas motioned to approve minutes from June. Steve Maines seconded. Motion passed

Treasurer’s report - \$12,855 left in account. Scholarships still need to be expensed. We are placing order for polos and name tags. Also looking to order NEO materials.

Constitution & By-laws – no report

Communication – PR – Discussion on having signs in SUB (\$50) per week to advertise submitting Issues. Kim Bergan said she’s against the idea just b/c staff don’t utilize the SUB as often as students. Ashlee and others mentioned TVs in other buildings that don’t cost anything to utilize.

Elections – new senators were elected & results are on our website. Vacancies are still open in some EEO categories. Please submit nominations. Ashlee is working a Fiesta event on Friday in Operations. She needs an assistant from 11 – 1:30. Please email her if you’re available.

Nominations – Levi – no report.

Grievances – no report.

Issues – Christi Felton – up to date on issues and results are good. Discussion was held during exec to purchase and install drop boxes for issues. Josh Pia is

Scholarships – all applicants are receiving awards for summer and will still come in under budget.

OP Review – no report

Technology – Josh – created a records database. Presented sharepoint / new updates for spending bills. Includes a section for tracking notes. Josh motioned to pilot program. Sarah Cuevas amended motion to include only exec. Pilot only tracks “spending bills” for now. Can be expanded to include resolutions. Data can be exported for historian later. Sarah Cuevas motioned to table discussion to have exec board discuss under new administration. Kacey Marshall seconded. Vote passed.

Diversity – Josh Pia / Kelsey Jackson – proposed spending funds for outreach to other staff organizations. Ashlee said a blanket outreach needs to be done and let organizations submit a proposal for funding. Billy Tiongco said Staff Senate should also have time to speak or a representation if funding is provided. Kelsey motioned to open discussion for proposals. Levi amended motion to form an ad-hoc committee. Kacey provided clarification that an ad-hoc committee would be appointed by the President. Jon Mark suggested idea be given back to Diversity committee. Diversity will create proposal.

Joshua Pia proposed spending \$400 to replace batteries in clickers to be used for voting purposes. Josh motioned. Christi Felton seconded. Vote passed.

Treasurer announced – Ron Baker

President-Elect announced – Jon Mark Bernal

PR Committee was asked to return checks given to TechAdvantage from a company. Company didn't attend. Asked for money back because the lady who authorized participation wasn't allowed to do so. Also had a company that didn't attend, but paid and completed participation form. Billy has check and will reach out to them. Alan Cushman suggested offering them entry for next year. Billy & PR committee will reach out to them.

Madison Proctor motioned up to \$1000 on New Senator Orientation expenses. Jon Mark Bernal seconded. Vote passed.

Billy said any other expenditures for FY 18 need to be submitted by July 15th.

Transition ceremony will be held at Texas Tech Club next month – July 5th at 4:00. Ashlee will clarify time. Bring your family and friends.

Ashlee thanked everyone for a fabulous year.

Kelly Cooper motioned to adjourn. Alan Cushman seconded. Meeting adjourned at 5:03pm.