

Texas Tech University Staff Senate
General Meeting Agenda
May 4, 2022
4 – 5 p.m.
SUB Senate Room

Attendance: Adele Deaton, Adrian Romero, Amy Peterman, Anita Nunez, Anita Nunez, Anitta Baeza, Ashley Brister, Audrey Davis, Ben Chamness, Bethany Kuwitzky, Bianca Sasser, Brandy Ganus, Carol Bonner, Charity Martinez, Christian Enevoldsen, Cristal Sanchez, Daniel Perez, Delores Sanchez, Feroza Haq, Giovanni Cordoba, James Peel, Jana Campbell, Jeff Day, Jennifer Fidler, Jeremy Haggard, Jessica Perea, Johnny Fowler, Julia Wagner, L.J. Gould, Laura Hernandez, Lauren McDonald, Lindsey Crowley-Scott, Liz Lindsey, Luke Stone, Marie Hanza, Michael Sonberg, Myranda Aycock, Nicole Wyatt, Nina Ham, Peggy Jones, Rebecca Maloney, Ryan Bain, Sandra Addo, Sarah Cody, Scott Layher, Sean Scully, Stacy Caliva, Taylor Love

1. Call to Order – Stacy Caliva
2. Guest Speakers
 - a. Blayne Beal, Director of Centennial Coordination; Grace Hernandez, Chief of Staff & Vice President for Administration
 - i. Details will be announced: August the 25th at 2pm in the Allen Theater (rsvp required)
 - ii. Yearlong celebration (begin and end on Carol of Lights)
3. Administrative Business
 - a. Quorum – Julia Wagner
 - i. Yes
 - b. Approve Past Minutes – Stacy Caliva
 - i. Approved as presented
 - c. Treasurer’s Report – Ryan Bain
 - i. Current Budget: \$16,620.63
 - ii. Waiting for Tech Advantage and Stars and Stripes expenses to come out
4. Unfinished Business
5. New Business
 - a. Officer nominations opening, elections at June GM – Stacy Caliva
 - i. Nominations open today
 - b. Staff Senate awards – Taylor Love & Johnny Fowler
 - i. Proposed Awards:
 1. Rookie of the Year
 2. 2nd Year Senator of the Year
 3. Outgoing Senator of the Year
 4. Senator of the Year
 5. Unsung Hero
 6. Committee of the Year
 - ii. Timeline:

1. Nomination form go out Friday
2. Nomination close May 31st
3. Given at Transition Ceremony July 6th
- iii. Motion: Johnny; 2nd Sandra
 1. Motion passed
- c. Land Acknowledgment Statement – Sean Scully & Lauren McDonald
 - i. Statement finalized (full length and shortened version)
 - ii. Motion: Sean; 2nd: Lauren
 1. Motion passed
6. Committee Reports – open to discussion after each report is given
(Voting reports first)
 - a. OP Review – Peggy Jones & Sean Scully
 - i. No OPs submitted
 - b. Bylaws – Shelley Johnson
 - i. No new business
 - c. Grievances – Sarah Cody & Jana Campbell
 - i. Absence notices sent per bylaws
 - d. PR Committee – Bethany Kuwitzky
 - i. Staff Senate Movie Night
 1. Had about 20 cars
 2. Plan to do again: not on a week night, not as long of a movie, in the Summer
 - ii. Social Media
 1. *Join us on Instagram and Facebook! Our tag is [texastechstaffsenate](#)*
 2. If anyone ever wants Staff Senate social media to post something on their behalf, submit a request to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VWV2Y39>
 - iii. Senator Spotlights
 1. Please remember to fill out the spotlight form if you have not already! <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/79ZYJ83>
 - iv. Upcoming Events
 1. TechAdvantage May 18th
 - a. Requesting Volunteers: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8RZGXVW>
 - b. Need an MC
 - c. Please share about the event with your office!
 - v. Arbor Day
 1. Thank you to those of you who joined us!
 - vi. Look for upcoming events!
 1. Volunteering this summer
- e. Scholarship Committee – Taylor Love & Johnny Fowler
 - i. No other business
- f. Diversity – Cristal Sanchez, Lauren McDonald, & Carol Bonner

- i. May's Mental Health Awareness R.E.D. Talk on 5/24
 - 1. "Healing: Destigmatizing the Journey to Mental Health and Wellness"
 - 2. Register at <https://bit.ly/MayREDTalk2022>
- ii. Flyer/logo contest – Deadline extended to May 27
- g. Issues – Christian Enevoldsen & LJ Gould
 - i. 3 separate issues raised by staff.
 - 1. Questions concerning how after-hours work is reported and how flex time is handled by supervisors.
 - a. Lacey Ellis from HR was contacted, and staff agreed to work with her to improve their understanding of the work hour reporting policies.
 - 2. Concerns over off campus protesters in free speech area interfering with ongoing student activities/events.
 - a. Continuing to research what the area limits are for the speech area and the proper protocols to have protestors removed from registered/paid events in the areas surrounding the SUB.
 - 3. Concerns over student employee pay being low.
 - a. HR has been assessing varied options to help increase the amount of hours/pay available to student employees who opt to work on campus to meet their financial needs.
- h. Elections – Ben Chamness & Jeremy Haggard
 - i. Working on setting up ballot and nominee page
 - 1. Self-Nominations form on website open until Thursday at 5pm
 - ii. Elections Open: Monday, May 16th
 - iii. Elections Close: Wednesday, May 18th
 - iv. New Senator Announcement: Friday, May 20th
- i. Staff Emergency Fund – Jana Campbell & Liz Lindsey
 - i. No updates or new requests submitted
- j. Nominations – Becky Maloney
 - i. The Nominations Committee has selected Giovanni Cordoba as the Staff Senate Sustainability Committee representative.
- k. Technology – Ben Chamness
 - i. We have 2 new pages, both now live
 - 1. "Current Senators" Page:
 - a. <https://www.depts.ttu.edu/staffsenate/senators/index.php>
 - b. Please check to verify your name is listed accurately (in case it has changed since you ran for Staff Senate).
 - 2. New Homepage:
 - a. www.staffsenate.ttu.edu

- ii. Various other small edits have been made elsewhere. Thanks to Holley Baker and Nicole Wyatt for their work, especially on the Current Senators page!
- l. Land Acknowledgement Ad Hoc – Sean Scully & Lauren McDonald
 - i. No additional business
 - ii. With business being completed the committee is dissolved
- m. Caregiver Support Ad Hoc – Becky Maloney (Sarah Cody & Liz Lindsey)
 - i. No new updates currently. The document we are drafting regarding the evaluation and recommendation for the Mother friendly program is still in the works.
 - ii. Started reviewing the updated “Staff Caregiver Resources” document and noting recommendation / clarifications there.
- 7. Open Forum Announcements – open to all Senators & Guests
- 8. Adjourn
 - a. 4:57pm