

Texas Tech University Staff Senate

General Meeting Agenda

October 4, 2023

4 – 5 p.m.

SUB Senate Room | Teams

Attendance: Ryan Bain, Johnny Fowler, Holley Baker, Jeremy Haggard, Scott Layher, Marian Gossett, Jeremiah Baumann, Lindsey Crowley-Scott, Clara Elliott, Anthony Rodriguez, Kym Ruiz, Beth Watson, Jonathan Montes, Brandy Ganus, Jenn Fidler, Flavia Corona, Theresa Madrid, Brandon Cruz, Jared McCauley, Jeff Bain, Delores Sanchez, Vanessa Salazar, Lord Rodrick Thomas, Rachel Bloodworth, Joann Wright, Loni Crosby, Yulanda White, Austin Pace, Casandra Suarez, Jana Campbell, April Narbaez, Morgan Hyman, Angela Chisum, Jasmine Flores, Marie Hanza, Jeff Hoover, Colin Baxter, Jerrod Nutt, Elizabeth Carroll, Heather Johnson, Carol Bonner, Scott Layher, Blaine Grimes, Stephanie West, Rosa Testini, Chamonix Mejia, Chris Mosher

1. **Call to Order** – Carol Bonner

Called to order at: 4:01pm

2. **Land Acknowledgement**-Stephanie West

3. **Guest Speaker:** Meredith Imes-SECC & Emergency Management Volunteerism

a. Hours changed: 7:45am-11:30am

b. <https://www.depts.ttu.edu/sub/>

4. **Administrative Business**

a. Quorum – Blaine Grimes

Result: Yes

b. GM: Approve Past Minutes (September) – Carol Bonner

Motion: Rachel Bloodworth

Second: Morgan Hyman

Result: Approved Unanimously

c. Academic Council-Stephanie West

i. Discussions are taking place about whether or not/when to close campus for the 11/2 TTU Football game

5. **Treasurer's Report- Scott Layher**

Spent \$3000.00 for officer stipends, plus benefits side for that package

Spent \$200.00 to vendor for event in August

6. **Unfinished Business-Carol Bonner**

a. Staff Emergency Fund

i. Clarified that it is permissible to utilize 18R to fund SEF, so I gave the committee the go-ahead to fund the requests they received in August and

asked that they hold off on funding any September requests until my meeting with Dr. Schovanec

- ii. Met with Dr. Schovanec 9/29-wants additional information on the types of “emergencies” we’re giving awards for; will make a decision after he receives it

Jennifer Fiddler and committee are working on a package of additional information and data to present to the President

7. New Business-Carol Bonner

- a. Meeting with Dr. Schovanec: Friday, 9/29
 - i. Said that he, Dr. Hendrick and Genevieve Durham DeCesaro will attend a General Meeting to discuss SB 17
Date of visit to be determined
- b. Safety Committee: Tuesday, 9/19
 - i. Talk of ordering new motorized bikes to keep up with scooters
 - ii. TTPD offers active shooter trainings
 - iii. Opportunity to partner with SGA for a Safety Week event (10/23-10/27)
 - iv. Raider Safety Website: <https://www.depts.ttu.edu/raidersafety/>
- c. Commencement Restructure Committee: Wednesday, 10/4
 - i. TBD
Committee is discussing potential changes to commencement ceremony in order to make it more sustainable in relation to university growth. An email survey will be sent out a future date. Beth Watoson mentioned that the College of Education has done its own convocation for some time now. Colin Baxter inquired about parking if commencement is going to be moved to Jones AT&T Stadium (which has been discussed as a potential). Carol Bonner reported that the committee has discussed it.
- d. SB 17
 - i. Link to new guidance included in October Staff Senate Newsletter
 - 1. <https://www.depts.ttu.edu/provost/protected/faculty/sb17-guidance.php>
 - ii. Officially instructed to change the name of the Diversity Committee and R.E.D. Talks
The words “dialogue, diplomacy, and discussion” were mentioned as alternatives to the D in the acronym
 - iii. Instructed to remove/archive information from the Diversity Committee site
 - iv. Also inquired about Land Acknowledgement Statement and what activities the Senate is permitted to host/sponsor
 - 1. Genevieve’s email

8. OP Review – Marie Hanza-Chair

- a. No updates

9. Bylaws – Marie Hanza-Chair & Jared McCauley-Co-Chair

- a. No updates

10. Grievances – Chris Mosher-Chair & Feroza Haq-Co-Chair

- a. 1 Expulsion

11. Communications/Public Relations – Lindsey Crowley-Scott-Chair

- a. Second Cup @ Innovation Hub October 19th at 10 am
- b. Trivia Night @ Two Docs Oct. 30th @ 7:00 (HH starting at 6:00, ½ off drinks with TTU Staff ID)
 - i. Sign up to be on the trivia team(s): <https://forms.office.com/r/6f8evKwUKx>
- c. Submit your Senator Spotlight (we need this so technology committee can update the website!): <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PRHNJ38>

Lindsey Crowley-Scott mentioned that we will only be able to continue holding these events if Senators attend. Attendance is urged, encouraged, etc.

We just got approval for an event at At'll Do Farms on 10/17—more details TBA

Trivia night has changed to ½ off first drink or 20% off bill

12. Scholarships & Awards– Johnny Fowler-Chair & Marian Gossett-Co-Chair

- a. Scholarship is open as of 10/1

13. Diversity – Holley Baker- Chair & Loni Crosby-Co-Chair

- a. No updates
- A call was made for ideas for speakers for events

14. Issues –Beth Watson-Chair

- a. Two issues:
 - i. Submitter requested an update on the traffic signal plans for Canton/Drive of Champions
 - 1. Per Charles Leatherwood, Managing Director of Ground Maintenance, there are plans for a traffic light at this intersection. It will not be done until after the football stadium construction, however, which will resume after this football season. Estimated time to completion is 12-18 months, but this may stretch to 18-24 months if there are delays.
 - ii. One still under investigation

15. Elections- Rachel Kloc-Chair

- a. No updates

16. Staff Emergency Fund – Jenn Fidler/Jeff Bain (both Co-Chairs)

- a. No updates

17. Nominations – Brandy Ganus-Chair & Heather Johnson-Co-Chair

- a. No updates

18. Technology – Nicole Wyatt-Chair & Flavia Corona-Co-Chair

- a. No updates

19. Caregiver Support – Elizabeth Carroll-Chair & Angela Chisum-Co-Chair

- a. Working on outreach for Lactation Rooms:
 - i. Post has gone out in CARS to all Academic Advisors.
- b. Created a post-experience survey.
- c. Created a list of room locations with amenities that was sent to advisors.
- d. Working with HR to create a point of contact for staff/students that inquire about lactation rooms.

20. Open Forum Announcements-open to all Senators & guests

Dog Day at the Leisure Pool: 10/15

10/14 Trash Cleanup for West End Neighborhood in partnership with Keep Lubbock Beautiful—volunteer opportunity

Rawls College of Business now approved to add General Business courses online

Brandon Cruz mentioned that the Texas Tech ride share apps are going through changes, possibly being discontinued. Ideas solicited for support.

Clara Elliot announced CultureFest happening 10/7

Angela Chisum has fliers about information for student rides home for Thanksgiving

Anthony Rodriguez requested more Staff Senate emails for events instead of just social media marketing.

21. Adjourn

Motion: Lindsey Crowley-Scott

Second: Brandy Ganus

Result: Adjourned at 5:00pm