

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO

SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE STAFF COUNCIL MEETING OF
August 10, 2004

The twelfth Regular Meeting of the Staff Council for the academic year 2003–2004 was held in the Southwest Room (DB 1.124) at 9:30 a.m. with Dan Kiley, presiding, William Hamilton, secretary.

I. Call to order and taking of attendance.

Present: Rebecca Alvarez, Alka Bhavsar, Lisa Blancas-Oliveres, Kathy Calucci, Chris Chipps, James Cosgrove, Lachelle Dixon, Patricia Dunn, Linda Edmundson, Maria Espericueta, Suzy Gray, William Hamilton, Fred Hample, Pat Harborth, James Jinks, Misty Kelley, Elnora Kennedy, Daniel Kiley, Dottie Kyle, Minnie Martinez, John McGee, Caroln Motley, Cindy Orth, Ann Roberts, Dee Russell-Terrell, Anne Speights, Mary Lou Spiller, Roger Terry, Steve Wagner, Venetta Williams.

Absent: Lorie Bennett, Kim Brandt, Antreshawn, Carmen Ortegon, Patricia Roberts, Sonia Saenz, Velma Tristan.

Total members present: 30 Total members absent: 9

II. Minutes of the July 22, 2004 were approved.

III. Opening Remarks

Daniel Kiley, Chair, welcomed the new Staff Council Members. He also congratulated the members whose terms are ending on August 31, 2004 for their dedication and participation. Dan also welcomed President Ricardo Romo and Vice President for Business Affairs Kerry L. Kennedy.

All members in attendance introduced themselves.

President Romo thanked the Staff Council members for their devotion to the institution and challenged the 2004 members to be creative in their thinking while striving for continued staff excellence. President Romo answered several questions that were presented by the Council members. The “bottom line” is that UTSA will continue to grow and excellence by all of the staff is critical in being prepared for our future growth.

Mr. Kennedy related that he has been a supporter of the U. T. System Employee’s Advisory Council, as well as a proponent of U. T. System component’s staff councils. Mr. Kennedy opened the floor to questions by the Council members.

IV. Report of Executive Board Activities

No report

V. Committee Reports

A. Communications Committee – Patti Dunn, Chair

Patti Dunn advised the Council that she had made several request to the UTSA Web personnel to update the Staff Council Web pages, with no results. Suzy Grey related that she could make the changes, if she is granted Staff Council Web administrator status. The Council members agreed and the request will be made to the UTSA Web staff.

B. Elections/Membership Committee – Lisa Blancas-Olivares

The elections have been completed.

C. Employee Benefits/Compensation Committee – Pat Harborth, Chair

Pat Halborth provided an email handout with the U.T. System responses to the UTSA Staff Council’s inquiries regarding the possibility of prorating excess sick leave to some other form of leave.

VI. Old Business

President Romo advised the members on the status of the Roadrunner statue to be located in front of the Main Building. He further related that artwork would also be contracted for the JPL Building in the near future.

VIII. New Business

A. Guest Speakers – President Romo and Mr. Kennedy

B. Answers to Council member’s questions:

Moves to the Main Building should be completed by the end of September. Due to space constraints, some people will be left behind.

Parking – UTSA will have 10,000 parking spaces with the current parking construction. This will be the largest number of parking spaces of any university in Texas.

Additional faculty – UTSA anticipates hiring approximately 75 new faculty each year for several years.

JPL Sprinkler system completion is anticipated within six months.

The VPBA will review requests that may require compliance with U. T. System Regent’s Rules and Regulation (Recreation Wellness question).

- C. Dan Kiley advised the members that he would email the information on the UT System Employee's Advisory Council meeting to each Staff Council member.
 - D. A motion was made to invite Mr. Jerry Barloco to speak at the September meeting. Seconded and approved.
 - E. A motion was made to invite Mr. Dan Stewart, UT System Administration, to speak at the November meeting. Seconded and approved.
 - F. A request was made for two Staff Council members to volunteer (and a back-up) to be Staff Marshals. Pattie Dunn and Kathy Calucci volunteered. Dee Russell-Terrell volunteered to be the back-up.
 - G. Communications - Staff Council should consider creative ways of enhancing communications between UTSA organizations as well as between the other U. T. Components. This item will be assigned to the Communications Committee.
- IX. Next Meeting – September 23, 2004, JPL Assembly Room (JPL 4.03.08) at 8:30 A.M.
- X. Meeting Adjourned