



Staff Senate Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

10:00 A.M.

Eagles Nest Building – Multi-Purpose Room

Senate Member Attendance

Members with ~~strikethrough~~ were absent.

Angela Clark – President

VACANT – Vice President

Kathy Hawsey - Secretary

VACANT – Treasurer

Monica Pier - Student and Academic Success

Lauren Case - Finance and Operations

Justine Landry - Student and Academic Success

~~Joul Ghorayeb – Finance and Operations~~

Homero Lozano - Strategic Initiatives

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Amber Clark - Strategic Initiatives

John Randall - Student and Academic Success

Stephanie Finley - Finance and Operations

VACANT – Past President/Member at Large (nv)

VACANT – Parliamentarian (nv)

I. Call to Order @ 10:07 am

II. Minutes Review

- a. February – Kathy motioned to approve, Amber seconded, all in favor.

III. Old Business

- a. Staff Appreciation

- i. Items were backordered and did not arrive in time. The vendors were not forthcoming with any notice or response to LIT. They have until Friday, March 11th to let us know that they are on the way or the order will be cancelled and other vendors will be sought.

- b. Parking Funds/ Pot Holes

- i. No updates have been given.

- c. Emergency Fund

- i. Angela created e-mail survey and requested sent out to Staff and Faculty to determine if there is an interest to pursue developing such a fund. The idea will be presented to ET once more for their approval. Angela will bring to President's cabinet.

- d. Door Decorating Contest

- i. Angela will come up with a timeline. Spooktacular and Christmas with option for student organizations to adopt a door as well.

- e. Pot Luck

- i. The date has been pushed back due to our recent Professional Development Day. With many things going on we are looking at April dates. Angela was able to get Outback Steakhouse to agree to cook chicken breasts.
- f. Inspirational Communication
 - i. Will be requesting a follow up from the executive team from no response in original request.
- g. Engagement Activities
 - i. “Popping Friday” where staff come together on a Friday afternoon in a come and go event to commune have popcorn and drink. Unable to obtain popcorn at Sam’s currently due to some financial issues. M&D Supply may be a source. Questions about how often to do the “Popping Friday” – Monthly or Quarterly.
- h. TSUS Staff Award
 - i. Process for nominations was sent out and the only responses were Angela Clark and John Randall. All agreed that their nominations will be sent up the chain of command.

IV. New Business

- a. Elections for vacancies
 - i. Stephanie Finley agreed to move into the position of Vice President and Monica Pier agreed to fill the Treasurer vacancy. With their new positions, more vacancies were created.
- b. Staff Senate Incentive
 - i. Jackets were decided upon as the item of choice. They are to be nice quality jackets with a budgeted amount of \$26.92 each as the limit. Justine will try to secure samples so we can see the quality of the jackets.

V. Open Floor

- a. Monica – Has connections for Food Trucks, including a Taco Truck for Student Appreciation.
- b. Justine – 2 new advisors began working for Student Success. Student Appreciation coming up with laser tag, food and other activities.
- c. Lauren – Students now have Direct Deposit option available on SS Banner.
- d. Stephanie – Big push on Smith Hudson Scholarship. Students must fill out FASA, general application, and specific application that requires 2 references, Texas residency, and 2.5 GPA. The Foundation Office is also seeking volunteers to assist with LIT Sporting Clays Classic which will be held on March 26th in Lumberton.
- e. Amber – Stated that they are now having ET meetings weekly without Dr. Howard being present.

f. Kathy – Workforce Education has heard suggestions about possible remote work or shortened work week to assist employees with the rising cost of gas. More flexible schedules similar to summer schedules. Many employees commute from greater distances.

VI. Adjournment

a. Motion to adjourn by Monica and 2nd by Stephanie. All agreed.