

UTPA Staff Senate

September 17, 2009 Minutes

Name	P	A	Name	P	A	Name	P	A
Angulo, Joe	X		Galan, Yvonne	X		Rivera, Ernestina (Tina)	X	
Barrera, Mary	X		Gernentz, LuAnn	X		Rodriguez, Maria G.	X	
Bell, Aaron	X		Gorena, Arlene	X		Salazar, Gloria	X	
Cano, Mary Lou	X		Hannah, Carolyn	X		Sandoval, Michael	X	
Cavazos, Celeste	X		Jaramillo, Maria Teresa	X		Smith, Bryan	X	
Delgado, Ismael	X		Martinez, Yolanda	X		Thompson, Larry	X	
Espinoza, Patty	X		Ramos, Arturo	X		Tobin, Sally	X	
						Ybarra, Mary	X	

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Ralph Schilling Room 2.120 – 2nd Floor Library 2:00 p.m.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
 - Roll Call –
 - Quorum – Perfect Attendance, 2:02 p.m.
- II. Special Guest – Terri Garcia, Interim Director of the University Writing Center
 - Presented to Staff Senate a development activity workshop – *Welcome to Emotional Intelligence Learning Systems*. Self assessment test that staff may use for leadership, team building and personal growth. We were informed that Mary Hodge, Training Specialist, Human Resources, is certified to give an introduction session.
 - Upcoming exhibit – *Space Journey to Our Future*, September 27, 2009- January 10, 2010, University Visitors Center – please bring your family.
- III. Special Guest – Yvette Padilla, Director of Stewardship & Annual Giving, University Advancement Division
 - Annual Giving Program – focusing on fund raising. The Angel Investors Program will be teaming up with the student leadership program. Their job will be to go around knocking on all doors of staff, faculty, chairs, and deans for their support. Yvette is asking staff senate to open the doors to these students and just direct them to the different individuals in their areas.
- III. Final Approval of Minutes – Minutes was approved electronically.
- IV. Senate appointment to Child Development Advisory Committee
 - Dr. Calvin Phillips requested a representative from staff senate.
 - Yolanda Martinez volunteered as Staff Senate representative.
 - Patty Espinoza - Alternate

V. Committee Reports & Assignments

- Bryan Smith reported that Presidents office received several calls in regards to parking fees going up. Mary Lou reminded the staff senate who serve on different committees on campus, to voice their concerns and to report back any new information to the senate. If committee representatives are unable to attend a particular committee, to please inform their alternates to attend on their behalf. If alternates are unable to attend, please inform anyone on the executive committee to have a representative there.
- President Search Update
 1. 1st candidate, September 16, 2009, Dr. Jeremy Brown, President of Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. Senators in attendance were: Mary Lou Cano, Patty Espinoza, Bryan Smith, Ismael Delgado, Arturo Ramos, Gloria Salazar, Luann Gernentz, Aaron Bell and Yvonne Galan.
 2. 2nd candidate, September 18, 2009, Dr. Carlos Vargas-Aburto, Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs, Kutztown University of Pennsylvania. Senators scheduled to attend are: Mary Lou Cano, Patty Espinoza, Bryan Smith, Luann Gernentz, Arlene Gorena, Gloria Salazar, Arturo Ramos, Joe Angulo and Yvonne Galan.
- EAC Report
 1. Tabled for next meeting. Arturo Ramos did announce that the next meeting will be held at UT-Brownsville.
- Elections & Nominations
 1. No report – will meet in January, 2010.
- Communications/Special Events
 1. Luann Gernentz passed the signup sheet for HESTEC Community Day, Saturday, October 3, 2009. She announced that this year we will be selling crispy tacos. The committee is looking for volunteers, donations, use of roasters and ice chests.
- Special Issues Committee

1. Bryan Smith informed the Senate that this committee has a meeting scheduled in October and November. He mentioned that the committees plan is to have something to report by December.

VI. Website Management

- Patty Espinoza informed the Senate that most of the Staff Senate website has been updated, but is still missing picture from some of the senators.

VII. New Business

- Joe Angulo expressed concern about the pool not available or closed to faculty/staff. Yolanda Martinez volunteered to make contact with the individuals in charge of the facility.

VIII. Announcements

- HESTEC – We will have volunteers from Staff Senate.
- Next meeting October 8, 2009 – 2:00 pm.
- Motion to Adjourn – 2:50 p.m.
 1. Maria G. Rodriguez made the motion to adjourn.
 2. Arlene Gorena seconded the motion.