

The University of Texas – Pan American
 Staff Senate - Your Advocate
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July 13, 2005
 HSHS 1.102 2:30pm.
MINUTES

Name	P	A	Name	P	A	Name	P	A	Name	P	A
Almanza, Rachel		X	De la Garza, Adriana	X		Luna, Norma L		X	Ramos, Arturo		X
Avitia, Cindi	X		Flores, Lydia		X	Miranda, Jaime		X	Reyes, Velinda	X	
Briggs, J. D.	X		Garcia, Teresa	X		Morin, Eddie		X	Rios, Mary Lou		X
Cantu, Robert		X	Hernandez, Gloria A	X		Munoz, Cris		X	Rodriguez, Maria	X	
Cerda, Delia	X		Luna, Katrina	X		Nguyen-Finn, Kim	X		Vasquez, Hector	X	

I. Call to Order 2:35/July 13, 2005/HSHS 1.102

II. Roll Call (as shown in table above) Parliamentarian Maria Rodriguez determined quorum was present so official business could be conducted.

III. Guests Senator-to-be Efrain Molina; Senator-to-be Elizabeth Salinas; Yvonne Lang; Chelsea Benham

IV. Reading and Approval of June 15, 2005 minutes Presented 6/15/2005 minutes. Motion to approve by JD Briggs. 2nd by Hector Vasquez. Motion passes without opposition.

V. Officer/Committee Reports

A.) Officer's Report

1. Chair: Four topics were presented for discussion.
 - a. The first topic was a request for a Homecoming representative. Senate would like to be represented with the representative to be selected at the next meeting.
 - b. The second topic was amending the Staff Senate Constitution (HOP 7.10.1) to reflect changes that were voted on in May 2003 election. A draft of the proposed changes to the HOP was sent to all senators the day before the meeting. Background of amendments was presented. Current senators expressed support of changes. Senator Velinda Reyes who was on drafting committee two years ago explained some of the wording in draft constitution.
 - c. Survey results were discussed. Staff Senate Survey had the most responses thus far for an Office of Institutional Effectiveness and Research survey (324 responses) sent only to staff.
 - d. Meeting on HOP policy 7.5.2 was discussed.
2. Vice Chair – No report
3. Secretary – No report
4. Parliamentarian—No report

B.) Communications – a joint meeting was held with Special Events Committee. Town Hall preparations were discussed. Maria Rodriguez, Special Events Chair, presented information on new format of Town Hall. Kim Nguyen-Finn, Communications Chair, discussed some of the confirmed speakers for the event.

C.) Elections & Nominations – did not meet

D.) Special Issues – did not meet

- E.) Special Events – see description of joint meeting above
- F.) Parking and Traffic—did not meet
- G.) Institutional Committees- IAC-SPC - meeting on SACS related topics
- H.) UT system Committees - SWIAC/EAC

VI. Old Business:

VII. New Business:

Speaker - Dr. Wiggins

Dr. Wiggins presented on status of Oracle Project, Banner, Campus-wide wireless network, Classroom technology, ID initiative, name-recognition software (directory is 4000 on campus or 381-2011 from off-campus), security issues, and move to Outlook in Fall or Spring semester. Dr. Wiggins requested Staff Senate input on five-year Information Technology Plan. Suggestions are to be sent straight to him at garylwiggins@utpa.edu.

Employee Advisory Council-Choosing a representative Senator Delia Cerda introduced topic of choosing an Employee Advisory Council member for upcoming year. Delia nominated Senator Teresa Garcia, seconded by Senator Maria G. Rodriguez. Senator Adriana DelaGarza nominated Senator Katrina Luna, seconded by Maria G. Rodriguez. Nominees left room so that a ballot vote could be taken. Teresa Garcia was named the new EAC Council member with Katrina Luna as the alternate.

VIII. Announcements Pictures to be taken after meeting today.

IX. Adjourn Motion to adjourn made by Senator JD Briggs, seconded by Adriana de la Garza. Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.