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 Staff Senate - Your Advocate

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AB Boardroom 316

Minutes for April 25, 2007

**I. Call to Order**

A quorum being present the meeting was called to order at 2:36 pm by Chair, Chelse Benham.

**II. Roll Call**

The following table reflects attendance.

Name	P	A	Name	P	A	Name	P	A	Name	P	A
Benham, Chelse	X		Gernentz, LuAnn	X		Ocanas, Diana		X	Salazar, Gloria	X	
Betancourt, Gilda		X	Gilpatrick, Gloria	X		Ovalle, Belinda		X	Salinas, Elizabeth		X
Cano, Veronica		X	Gonzalez, Norfilia	X		Ramirez, Ricky	X		Taylor, Nick		X
Cerda, Gabriel	X		Gonzalez, Victor		X	Ramos, Arturo	X				
Del Angel, Sonia		X	Loya, James		X	Rodriguez, Maria	X				
Espinoza, Alicia	X		Molina, Efrain	X		Saenz, Raul Jr.	X				

**III. Guests**

**IV. Reading and Approval of minutes:**

LuAnn motioned for approval of the Feb. 28, 2007 minutes, Gloria 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motioned passed.

**V. Officer/Committee Reports**

**A. Chair**

- Chelse discusses Staff Wellness Fee (we want it to be lower).
- Chelse discusses accreditation (UTPA did well).
- Chelse discusses compensation study (has flaws).
- Chelse discusses Townhall (Communications continues discussion).
- Chelse discusses Staff Awards (went well).

**B. Vice Chair**

- Art discusses SWIAC (claims estimate down – less rate increase)

**C. Secretary**

- Liza – unable to attend.

**D. Parliamentarian**

- LuAnn has no information to report.

**E. Communications**

- Efrain Molina reported on Townhall events – He moved to have a regular meeting instead of Townhall event and Norfy 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

**F. Elections & Nominations**

- Election results were announced – new senators are:

Office of the President ----- Liza Salinas

Technical/Skilled ----- Mary Lou Rios, Efrain Molina, and Hector Vasquez

Professional ---- Teresa R. Garcia and Jaime Miranda  
Business Affairs ----- Gilda Betancourt  
Academic Affairs --- Alisha Puentes  
External Affairs – Norma Luna

#### **G. Special Issues**

- No report.

#### **H. Special Events**

- Gloria reported that Staff Awards went well and that they would have another joint meeting with Communications to discuss the next meeting (Townhall).

#### **I. Scholarships**

- Maria presented revised application. This committee will be dissolved after reviewing applications and presenting their recommendations. Norfy will contact Norma V. to make the application into an omni Form. Maria moved to approve the committee recommendations (which include a recommendation to buy a computer for the Senate) for the Staff Senate –Gloria 2<sup>nd</sup> – motion passed.

### **VI. UTPA Committees**

**A. Parking and Traffic Committee** – No Report

**B. Marketing Advisory Committee** – No Report

**C. Institutional Planning & Assessment Committee (IPAC)** – Art showed draft of new Stewardship plans.

**D. Employee’s Advisory Council (EAC)** – Terrie presented information and solicited new issues for EAC. She will continue her presentation during the next meeting. Next EAC meeting scheduled for August

**E. System Wide Insurance Advisory Council (SWIAC)** – Art Ramos reported that claims were down so increases will be less than previously expected.

**F. Wellness and Rec Committee** – see comments by Chair.

**G. Cost of Education Committee** - no report

**H. United to Serve Committee** – Norfy reported that the birding center project was a success.

### **VII. Old Business:**

### **VIII. New Business:**

**IX. Announcements:** Come up with EAC issues for Terrie.

**X. Adjourn** – Chelse moved to adjourn. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 23, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. in the AB Boardroom