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Staff Senate - Your Advocate

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Minutes for August 8, 2007

**I. Call to Order**

Called to order at 2:44 pm by Chair (A quorum is present).

**II. Roll Call**

The following table reflects attendance.

Name	P	A	Name	P	A	Name	P	A	Name	P	A
Betancourt, Gilda	X		Gilpatrick, Gloria		X	Ovalle, Belinda		X	Salinas, Elizabeth	X	
Cano, Veronica		X	Gonzalez, Norfilia	X		Puentes, Alisha	X		Taylor, Nick	X	
Cerda, Gabriel	X		Luna, Norma	X		Ramirez, Ricky	X		Vasquez, Hector	X	
Del Angel, Sonia	X		Miranda, Jaime		X	Ramos, Arturo	X				
Garcia, Teresa	X		Molina, Efrain	X		Rios, Mary Lou	X				
Gernentz, LuAnn	X		Ocanas, Diana		X	Salazar, Gloria		X			

**III. Guests ---- No guests.**

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

Approval of minutes moved by Teresa Garcia, seconded by Sonia Del Angel and approved.

**V. Officer/Committee Reports**

- A. Chair Opened Nominations for Secretary. LuAnn Gernentz was nominated by Teresa Garcia and approved by acclamation. Chair reported that the University is preparing for emergency situations such as Virginia Tech, is reorganizing External Affairs, some older buildings are being checked for brick problems, the Wellness Center will be ready for Fall use, Business Affairs is working on End of Year closing of books, and IT is working on encrypting data on flash drives.
- B. Other officers had no reports.

**VI. UTPA Committees**

- A. Employee Advisory committee reported (Teresa Garcia). She reported on August 2 & 3 meeting of UT System, Austin, Texas. Handouts were presented. These will be posted on the Staff Senate web-site – <http://www.utpa.edu/orgs/staffsenate/>.
- B. Cost of Education committee reported (Sonia de Angel). She reported on the Summary Report 06/07. Handouts were presented. These will be posted on the Staff Senate website - <http://www.utpa.edu/orgs/staffsenate/>.

**VII. Old Business:** Election of Secretary completed earlier. Chair- Arturo Ramos asked for all members to look over the Staff Senate Committee – Flow Chart and choose Committee they will serve on. Would like those Committees to meet soon and choose Chair for each Committee. Due to some members being absent this will need to be done before the next monthly meeting.

**VIII. New Business:**

**IX. Announcements:** Monthly Staff Senate meetings will be on the second Wednesday of each Month.

**X. Adjourn** – Teresa Garcia moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded and approved at 3:45 p.m. Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, Sep 12, 2007 - 2:30 pm (ADM - Board Room 3.316).