

The University of Texas – Pan American
 Staff Senate - Your Advocate
 December 8, 2008, 11:30 a.m.
 Schilling Room, Library
MINUTES

I. Call to Order - Chair called meeting to Order at 11:30am quorum is met.

II. Roll Call: (from the table below)

Name	P	A	Name	P	A	Name	P	A	Name	P	A
Angulo, Joe	X		Gernentz, LuAnn	X		Molina, Efrain	X		Sandoval, Michael		X
Betancourt, Gilda	X		Gorena, Arlene	X		Puentes, Alisha		X	Smith, Bryan		X
Cano, Mary Lou	X		Hannah, Carolyn		X	Ramos, Arturo	X		Vasquez, Hector	X	
Delgado, Ismael	X		Jaramillo, Maria Teresa		X	Rios, Mary Lou		X	Ybarra, Mary		X
Galan, Yvonne	X		Martinez, Yolanda		X	Espinoza- Rodriguez, Patty	X				
Garcia, Teresa R.	X		Miranda, Jaime	X		Saenz, Celia		X			

III. Guests: Gloria Salazar, Records Management

IV. Reading and Approval of minutes: LuAnn Gernentz moved that minutes from November 18, 2008 be approved as amended (room change indicated). Mary Lou Cano seconded motion. Motion passed.

V. Officer Report/Committee:

- Chair: Terrie introduced new member Ismael Delgado and thanked him for agreeing to complete the senate year. Group indicated that PC presentation was well received. The only comment came from Susan Griffith who liked the fact that mission, vision and values linked to those of the university. Board of Regents’ meeting went well. Regents had questions which could be answered by group. The meeting was difficult because of the sad news about layoffs at UTMB. Terrie indicated serving as secretary was a wonderful experience.
- Vice Chair: Absent
- Parliamentarian: Gilda Betancourt indicated there was no report for this month.
- Secretary/Treasurer: LuAnn indicated there was no report for this month.

VI. UTPA & UT System Committee Reports:

- SWIAC: Next meeting is in January 2009 as reported by Art Ramos.
- EAC: Art and Gloria Salazar reported on their attendance at the Employee Advisory Council System meeting in October 2009. They attended the first meeting of the year, so issues were selected for EAC discussion. In addition to this, a secretary was elected. Gloria and Art reported a successful meeting.

VII. Staff Senate Committee Reports:

- Communications: Efrain Molina indicated that minutes and pictures were updated on website.
- Elections & Nominations: Gilda indicated that elections calendar would be consulted.
- Special Events: Mary Lou showed senate a possibility for the shirt. Staff Employee Awards process would also get started quickly. Longer report in January would be needed.
- Special Issues: Patty Espinoza indicated a January meeting would be held for processing last set of Staff Senate Scholarship Applications.

VIII. Old Business: Discussion and final approval of Mission/Vision/Values Statement. Mary Lou motioned that this statement be finalized and adopted by Staff Senate. Patty seconded motion. Motion passed.

IX. New Business:

- Appointment of a senator to Cost of Education Committee. Nominations for senators were requested. Maria Teresa Jaramillo was nominated as was Patty Rodriguez Espinoza. Arlene Gorena indicated she served as the COE representative for Parents and Families. Art moved that nominations be closed. Gilda seconded that motion. Votes were tabulated. Patty Espinoza was nominated for the Cost of Education committee.
- In an effort to accommodate more senators, meeting will be moved to 9:30 am. on 1/21/09, in HSHW 2.230 (adjacent to the Dean's Office in Health Sciences and Human Services).

X. Announcements: None

XI. Adjourn: Art made motion to adjourn meeting. Motion is seconded by Gilda. Meeting adjourned at 1:00pm