

The University of Texas – Pan American
Staff Senate - Your Advocate
MINUTES for February 14, 2008, 2:30 p.m. in ADM-Board Room 316

I. Call to Order - Chair will call meeting to Order if quorum (12) is met. Quorum is met with 12 senators in attendance. Meeting is called to order at 2:40 p.m.

II. Roll Call – (from the table below)

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

III. Guests – Joe Angulo (Electrical Engineering-2.284), Cathy Garza (Library-214B) and members of the Employees for Progress – Staff Organization.

IV. Reading and Approval of minutes – Sonia Del Angel motioned to approve minutes from the 1/17/08 as amended Seconded by Ricky Ramirez. Minute then emailed to Communications Committee to place on web page.

V. Guest speaker – Anne Toal – She introduced the hand held KINDLE, new product that was one of the topics at the ITPC meeting. The Kindle is a product from Amazon.com and will be tested as a pilot program for Student Government, Faculty in the upcoming months. Kindle works with Doc. Files not PDF.

VI. Officer Report/Committee

- A) Arturo Ramos – Chair reported that President Council met and mainly discussed the faculty issues. Remodeling of the dorms, and the repair of the Library Tower - brick work.
- B) LuAnn Gernentz- Secretary reported on the Stewardship Coordinating Council – The will be held tomorrow in the University Ballroom 8:15 to 4:30 p.m. 140 faculty / staff this year treat is an evolving process. Stewardship is everyone’s responsibility.
- C) Gilda Betancourt – handed out FY 2008-09 Election Calendar. Monday, February 25 at 1:30 p.m. will be ballot mailing meeting to assist with stamping folding, labeling, and stapling.
- D) Sonia Del Angel - Special Issues has been in communication with Mr. Edwards and Liza about the funding issues that were not addressed at the meeting with the Regents. Proposal is being reviewed by UT System. Items are going to be looked at separately.
- E) Teresa Garcia - attended the Jan. 28 Information Technology Planning Council notes were taking and distributed at meeting.
- F) Gloria Gilpatrick – nominations for the Staff Senate Awards deadline February 18th. All members were encouraged to make nominations even outside your own division.

VII. UTPA & UT System Committee Reports –

- A) EAC will be March 5, 6, & 7th of 2008 at Odessa, Texas.
- B) Wellness Committee met Jan 24.

VIII. Old Business: Employees for Progress- pending Presidents Office feedback.

IX. Announcement – Nick Taylor commended the staff organization, “The Employees for Progress,” for bringing up the pay issues to the Staff Senate and the President’s Council. He stated that whenever any of us are involved with committees on campus that the Employees for Progress should always be mentioned for the positive impact it has for all employees. Teresa Garcia mentioned that Staff Senator Norfy Gonzalez was highlighted in the Pan American (Feb 14th). LuAnn - Early voting will be at the Library February 19th – 29th, let your co-worker know to go vote.

X. Adjourn- Next meeting 3/26/08 at 2:30 p.m. ADM-Board Room 3rd Floor 316. Teresa Garcia moved that meeting be adjourned at 3:14 p.m. Motion seconded by Nick Taylor.