

The University of Texas – Pan American
Staff Senate - Your Advocate

January 17, 2008, 2:30 p.m.
ADM-Board Room 3rd Floor 316

MINUTES

I. Call to Order - Chair will call meeting to Order if quorum (12) is met. Quorum is met with 16 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) announced that the Employees for Progress – along with the Texas State Employees Union – will be hosting State Representative Aaron Pena – District 40 to Speak on January 23, from 12 to 1 (refreshments will be provided) in the Engineering Building Auditorium and have a questions and answers “Why the Texas Legislature is not including Universities in the across the board pay raise” & “What can we do to help ensure to be included in the next Legislative Session”. Message sent out in BroncNotes.

IV. Reading and Approval of minutes – Terrie Garcia made the motion that the minutes be accepted as written from the December 12 meeting and Nick Taylor second. Minutes were passed.

V. Officer Report/Committee

- A) Arturo Ramos – Chair reported that Special Issues Committee – Chair Sonia had made their recommendations and were given to Staff Senate Chair to email for a vote from the Staff Senate members on the outcome of the Committees findings about the UTPA Staff Assistance Scholarship - three applicants that had all the required documentation were approved (one applicant was denied due to filed in error) if funding permits. Now Arturo will submit the paperwork to the Carol Rausch and to the Scholarship Coordinator.
- B) LuAnn Gernentz- Secretary reported on the Stewardship Coordinating Council - That is now grooming the agenda for the February 15th, Stewardship Retreat. Weekly work session until finalized. Sonia De Angel stated that (140 some faculty and staff will be participating at this retreat) she explained the four different areas that will be covered with interaction from all participants at the Retreat - 1. The What and Why of Stewardship, 2. The What and Why of Assessment: The University Planning Model, 3. The What and Why of SLO’s, and 4. Stewardship Responsibilities and Opportunities for Community Building, Collaboration and Mutual Support. Stewardship is every-ones responsibility. It is an evolving process.

VI. UTPA & UT System Committee Reports –

- A) SWIAC will be Jan 24th & 25th of 2008
- B) EAC will be March 5, 6, & 7th of 2008 at Odessa, Texas.
- C) Wellness Committee met Jan 24.

VI. Staff Senate Committee Reports –

- A) Communications: Teresa Garcia – Said they have reached their committee’s goal of entering the approved minutes on www.utpa.edu/orgs/staffsenate/ website. All Senators had invited all Senates to Feb. 15th luncheon meeting 12-1 at Pizza Hut.
- B) Elections & Nominations: Arturo Ramos - stated that the Elections – Labels & Listing are ready for February’s meeting.

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

VIII. New Business-

IX. Announcements- Spirit Week – Attend Bronc Games (Jan 8 and Jan 9) and get a chance to win free movies for a year.

X. Open to all senators-Jaime Miranda reported of his promotion from UpWard Bound to the Migrant Program. Ricky Ramirez- that Account Managers will get an allowance for cell phones.

XI. Adjourn- Next meeting 3/26/08 at 2:30 p.m. ADM-Board Room 3rd Floor 316. LuAnn Gernentz moved that meeting be adjourned at 3:14 p.m. Motion seconded by Gilda Betancourt.