

The University of Texas – Pan American
 Staff Senate – Your Advocate
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 January 21, 2009, 9:30 a.m.
 HSHW 2.230 (Executive Boardroom)
MINUTES

I. **Call to Order** Chair called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m. (A quorum is present.)

II. **Roll Call**

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		Rodriguez, Maria Patricia	X				
Garcia, Teresa R.	X		Miranda, Jaime	X		Saenz, Celia		X			

III. **Guests:** none

IV. **Reading and Approval of minutes:** December 8, 2008 minutes – Efrain Molina, Motion to Approved as amended w- Motion was 2nd by Yolanda Martinez. Passed with no objections.

V. **Officer Report/Committee:**

- Chair-Teresa Garcia- Regular meetings were cancelled. Patty Espinoza-Rodriguez was approved for appointment to the Cost of Education campus committee. Presidential Appointments to the Stewardship Goal Team were approved. Appointments were

LuAnn Gernentz -Goal 1

Provide students a quality educational experience that enables them to complete their educational goals in a timely fashion

Efrain Molina- Goal 2

Become an outstanding research institution, emphasizing collaborative partnerships and entrepreneurship

Mary Lou Cano- Goal 3

Enhance UTPA’s engagement with the community to meet challenges and maximize opportunities

Terrie Garcia -Goal 4

Collaborate with P-12 schools to enlarge the pool of applicants, who are personally prepared and academically qualified for higher education

Bryan Smith -Goal 5

Infuse Inter-American and global perspectives through the University community

Gilda Betancourt -Goal 6

Optimize institutional effectiveness and efficient with high quality organizational standards.

VI. **UTPA & UT System Committee Reports:**

- SWIAC: Meeting for insurance and retirement segments will take place on January 22, 2009, in El Paso, Texas. Michael Mingus –Benefits Manager of HR will inform the Staff Senate before our next meeting.
- UT EAC – Employment Advisory Committee: Next meeting in March 2009 in Austin, Texas. Arturo Ramos & Efrain Molina will be attending. Travel plans need to be made ready. Will report to the Staff Senate at the February 20th meeting.

VII. Staff Senate Committee Reports:

- Communications: Efrain will add up-dates to website.
- Elections & Nominations: no report.
- Special Events: Committee members in attendance chose Goal 5 (see above) Committee will be meeting soon concern the Staff Senate Award Nominations they need to be sent Mary Lou Cano, ITTB 1.210 by 5 p.m. on February 18, 2009.
- Special Issues: Patty Rodriguez – reported that they will be meeting to review the Fall 2008 Applicants for the last time Staff Senate Scholarship Assistant program. The complying of the Staff Senate Code of Conduct, duties and responsibilities' handouts for incoming senators.

VIII. Old Business:

- Discussion on the Staff Senate Mission, Vision and Value - Statement – must be developed. Question to senate: Should each subcommittee develop one goal to be considered by entire senate? Ismael Delgado suggested that smaller groups would work better and share their efforts at our February monthly meeting.
 - a. Communications: Efrain—has chosen University Goal 3 (see above).
 - b. Elections & Nominations: Committee members in attendance chose University Goal 4 (see above.)
 - c. Special Events: Committee members in attendance chose University Goal 5 (see above).
 - d. Special Issues: Patty Rodriguez – chose University Goal 1 (see above).
 - e. Executive Committee will work on University Goals 2 & 6 (see above).

IX. New Business: None

X. Announcements: None

XI. Adjourn: Time adjourned 10:30 a.m. Next meeting will be February 20, at 9:30 a.m. location: HSHW 2.230.