

The University Staff Advisory Council
Minutes
December 17, 2008

Representatives and Alternates Attending:

Ingrid Frazier – District 14 – rep – Chair
Aris Obar – District 9 – rep – Secretary
Kelley Hartnett – District 10 - rep
Page Chapman – District 5 – alternate
Rich Legler – District 5 – rep
Sheryl Marshall – District 3 – alternate
Andrea Jenkins – District 7 – rep
Janet Robertson – District 9 – alternate
Linda Speed – District 2 – rep
Angie Beekman – District 11 – rep – Chair-elect
Brandy Monts – District 12 – rep
Michael Gannaway – District 15 – alternate
Leslie Nelson – District 11 – alternate
Michael Seale – District 6 – rep
Tammie Cooper – District 4 – rep
Pam Taylor – District 4 - alternate
Belinda Dean – ex-officio
Joe Vorsas – ex-officio
Jesse Acosta – Chief of Staff
Gregg Lassen – V.P. for Business Affairs

Reps and Alternates Not Attending:

Glenda Bennett – District 7 – alternate
Jennifer Adams – District 13 – alternate
Chris Green – District 8 – alternate
Sergio Padilla – District 13 – rep
Pam Jones – District 15 – rep
Amy Birdsong – District 3 – rep
Michelle Flanagan – District 2 – alternate
Pedro Flores – District 6 – alternate
Katy Cline – District 10 – alternate
Melanie Mogle – District 14 – alternate
Jan Harp – District 12 – alternate
Margo Duncan – District 1 – alternate
Paula Hibbert – District 1 – rep
Warren Garlock – District 8 – rep

Ingrid Frazier called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

A motion was made by Brandy Monts to approve the minutes of the November meeting and was seconded by Michael Seale.

New Business

Dave Simmons was awarded the Star Award for November 2008.

Ingrid Frazier announced that Tammie Cooper would be the new representative and Pam Taylor would be the new alternate for District 4.

University Appreciation Week has been set for April 13 – 17, 2009. Members were requested to sign up for supporting committees and gather ideas for theme, activities and Friday afternoon games. Discussion was held on the possibility of changing the location of the Friday luncheon from the HPC to an outside location or the new UC ballroom.

Old Business

Due to the abbreviated month, the December Star Award will not be awarded. The award program will resume in January 2009. Amy Birdsong will rotate off of the Star Award committee since her term has been fulfilled. Leslie Nelson volunteered to fill Amy's vacancy on the Star Award committee.

Help with problems with chronically malfunctioning vending machines in BEP and HPR was requested from Sheryl Dennis and Lee Murray. They are pursuing these issues with Coca Cola. Ingrid will check with Sheryl about the possibility of installing vending machines in the USC.

Discussion was held on the continuing problems with individuals smoking closer than 25 feet outside the entrances to campus buildings. Members discussed changes to the overall smoking policy and the possibility of soliciting input from the Faculty Senate and SGA on how to approach the future of smoking on the UT Tyler campus. Andrea Jenkins volunteered to look into policies at other universities and report back to the council. Greg Lassen advised that he will have the location of existing ash trays checked and moved if they are not in compliance with the 25 ft. regulation.

Ingrid advised that per the budget office and policy, all USAC related payment requests/reimbursements/invoices/purchases should be forwarded to her or Angie Beekman for processing.

Due to the startup of construction at the University Center, parking has become more problematic. Various issues were discussed including the possibility of temporarily re-striping some of the visitor parking spots to faculty/staff spots. Greg Lassen advised that he will check into having this done while the University Center is under construction. It was also mentioned by members that construction workers have been observed parking in the HPC lot. Greg advised that they should not be parking there and he would put a stop to it.

Janet Robertson updated the council on the results of the first meeting of the “Going Green on Campus” sub-committee. The committee’s observations and recommendations were submitted and are attached to these minutes. It was requested that each member solicit feedback from their district members for discussion at the next council meeting. The council requested that the members of the “Green” committee meet with members of the Faculty Senate and SGA and report back to the council at the January meeting.

Ingrid announced that the next meeting is scheduled for January 21st.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Tammie Cooper and seconded by Leslie Nelson at 3:15 p.m.

Attachments:

USAC Recycling Initiative