

The University Staff Advisory Council
Minutes
February 18, 2009

Representatives and Alternates Attending:

Ingrid Frazier – District 14 – rep - Chair
Angie Beekman – District 11 – rep – Chair-elect
Aris Obar – District 9 – rep – Secretary
Kelley Hartnett – District 10 - rep
Page Chapman – District 5 – alternate
Sheryl Marshall – District 3 – rep
Glenda Bennett – District 7 – alternate
Chris Green – District 8 – alternate
Rich Legler – District 5 – rep
Katy Cline – District 10 – alternate
Jan Harp – District 12 – alternate
Warren Garlock – District 8 – rep
Michael Gannaway – District 15 – alternate
Andrea Jenkins – District 7 – rep
Jennifer Adams – District 13 – rep
Monica Davis – District 3 – alternate
Beth Bruce – District 13 – alternate
Dr. Mabry, President
Jesse Acosta, Chief of Staff
Gregg Lassen, V.P. for Business Affairs
Joe Vorsas, Dir. of Human Resources
Belinda Dean, ex-officio

Reps and Alternates Not Attending:

Linda Speed – District 2 – rep
Janet Robertson – District 9 – alternate
Leslie Nelson – District 11 – alternate
Tammie Cooper – District 4 – rep
Pam Taylor – District 4 - alternate
Michelle Flanagan – District 2 – alternate
Pedro Flores – District 6 – alternate
Melanie Mogle – District 14 – alternate
Paula Hibbert – District 1 – rep
Brandy Monts – District 12 – rep
Michael Seale – District 6 – rep
Margo Duncan – District 1 – alternate
Pam Jones – District 15 – rep

Ingrid Frazier called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

A motion was made by Michael Gannaway to approve the minutes of the January meeting and was seconded by Katy Cline.

Old Business

Ingrid advised that the idea of creating an employee spouse scholarship (which would involve sharing the current 6 semester hours offered to employees) is still being reviewed by the President's cabinet.

Plans for University Appreciation Week (April 13 – 17) are on schedule. Committee lists were circulated for those council members who had not signed up earlier. Committees will meet and report back to the council at the next meeting. The theme for this year's UAW will be centered around recycling and "Going Green".

Chris Green updated the council on the progress of the recycling initiative. The City of Tyler has provided additional containers to the HPC for use in the lobby area. The Going Green committee is waiting for a report from the SGA president and advised that the SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) group is interested in partnering with USAC. Chris advised that he has already set up a recycling container in his office. All reps were requested to canvas their district members and email the results back to Chris Green before the next meeting.

New Business

A complaint was made to USAC concerning the menu pricing in the new Sports Café. Gregg Lassen advised that he has had discussions with Aramark and believes that they are still adjusting to the new location. They are experimenting with pricing but Gregg acknowledged there may be little they can do to lower the prices due to the sales volume here on campus. They may be able to offer less expensive entrees at the Harvey's on the Lake food service location. Aramark was asked to more effectively solicit input from students and staff.

The nominations committee announced that Monica Davis would fill the vacant alternate position in District 3 and Beth Bruce would fill the vacant alternate position in District 13.

Congratulations were extended to Vicky Bond, the star award recipient for February 2009. Vicky is an Administrative Research Assistant for Accountability, Institutional Analysis.

The issue of student parking in the faculty/staff lot is being addressed by university police. Most council members agreed that the availability of parking has improved. President Mabry expressed his appreciation for the patience of faculty and staff members as they adjust to the limited parking during the UC renovation.

Gregg Lassen advised that UT Tyler is in the process of forming a Cost Containment committee that he will head up to consider various cost containment measures. He requested that USAC provide a volunteer and alternate to serve on this committee. Kelly Hartnett and Rich Legler volunteered to serve.

Ingrid advised that USAC will be looking at ways to save money as activities are planned for the rest of the budget year.

In other business, Kelley Hartnett advised that trash is becoming an issue by the volleyball court and asked Gregg Lassen for additional trash cans in that area. She also requested that consideration be given to installing another Blue Light by the Ornelas Residence Hall. Kelley also serves on the Bookstore Vendor committee and requested input from the council on any additional products or services they would like to see provided by the selected vendor.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2009 in ADM 301 at 2:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Michael Gannaway to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 p.m. and was seconded by Katy Cline.