

**The University Staff Advisory Council**  
**Minutes**  
**January 21, 2009**

Representatives and Alternates Attending:

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 – alternate  
Janet Robertson – District 9 – alternate  
Linda Speed – District 2 – rep  
Brandy Monts – District 12 – rep  
Michael Seale – District 6 – rep  
Sergio Padilla – District 13 – rep  
Glenda Bennett – District 7 – alternate  
Chris Green – District 8 – alternate  
Rich Legler – District 5 – rep  
Pam Jones – District 15 – rep  
Margo Duncan – District 1 – alternate  
Katy Cline – District 10 - alternate

Reps and Alternates Not Attending:

Ingrid Frazier – District 14 – rep – Chair  
Leslie Nelson – District 11 – alternate  
Tammie Cooper – District 4 – rep  
Pam Taylor – District 4 - alternate  
Jennifer Adams – District 13 – alternate  
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  
Paula Hibbert – District 1 – rep  
Warren Garlock – District 8 – rep  
Andrea Jenkins – District 7 – rep  
Michael Gannaway – District 15 – alternate

Angie Beekman called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

A motion was made by Michael Seale to approve the minutes of the December meeting and was seconded by Chris Green.

## **Old Business**

Kristi Boyett, Special Projects Coordinator for the City of Tyler, spoke to the council about recycling in Tyler. She advised that the City of Tyler is very interested in helping area organizations with their recycling initiatives. They are willing to provide an 8 yard cardboard recycling dumpster for one penny per month. They will also provide as many free 18 gallon recycling bins as we need to be placed in each department. The city is not able to pick up recyclables from the university so, UT Tyler would still need to have a volunteer take the recycling materials to the city drop off area. She also advised that they do not accept shredded paper.

Chris Green, chairman of the Going Green on Campus committee, updated the council on their progress. They met with Kerrie Ambort, SGA president, and advised that she was excited about the students helping with the recycling initiative. The possibility was raised that student organizations would be willing to volunteer to help fulfill community service hours. SGA also has a budget for educational awareness that could be used to help educate students about the benefits of recycling. He advised that Pam Taylor will contact the Faculty Senate to get their support for this initiative. Since the HPC is now collecting and storing some recycling materials, they are concerned about keeping the collection area organized. Kristi Boyett offered recycling carts for use by the HPC to separate and store recycling materials between trips to the recycling company. At this time, the physical plant is not willing to assist in picking up or transporting materials to the recycling company due to lack of staff. Katy Cline advised that the presidents of the student organizations will be meeting on Wed. Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>. It was decided that members of the "Green" committee will attend this meeting and make a presentation to them to gain their support.

Angie advised that Jesse had gotten approval from President Mabry to designate some of the visitor parking spaces in lot 4 for faculty/staff space during the UCN construction. Gregg Lassen will have the spots repainted soon.

Council members were reminded that committees are available for signup for University Appreciation Week scheduled for April 13-17, 2009. Plans for theme and activities are still being formulated.

The Star Award committee is seeking nominations for the January and February awards.

## **New Business**

The nominations committee was advised that Amy Birdsong, representative for District 13 has resigned from the university.

Angie asked for a volunteer from the council to fill the alternate vacancy on the Employee Advisory Council created when Andi Liner resigned in December. The mission of the EAC is to provide a forum for communicating ideas and information between employees, the Board of Regents, and the Executive Officers of UT System.

Two representatives and one alternate represent UT Tyler on the council. Michael Gannaway and Aris Obar are the representatives. Glenda Bennett volunteered to fill the alternate vacancy.

A request was also made to the council for a volunteer to serve on a work group to assist in the selection process for the university's bookstore vendor. The current contract is set to expire on Aug. 31, 2009. Vendors will have the opportunity to bid on providing this service through the Request for Proposal process. Kelly Hartnett volunteered to serve on this work group.

The council received a request to explore the possibility of the university providing scholarships for spouses of full time employees. Angie advised that this issue has been submitted to the President's cabinet for review.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Katy Cline and seconded by Chris Green.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2009.