

UT Staff Council
General Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2014
POB 2.302 (Avaya Auditorium)
2:00 PM

Present:

Baldwin, Ryan S; Blaney, Karen; Brzozowski, Tracy L; Costa, Richard L; Crawford, Cynthia L; Dallas, Larayne; Davis, Dawn M; Dean, Michael; Derry, James; Farahnak, Jeannie L; Frahm, Erika L; Fratkin, Melyssa; Gavenda, Philip M; Gorelik, Vadim; Grace, Kathy; Grier, Victoria K; Haynes, Matthew; Hill, Bryan S; Howard, Courtney; Jones, Cameosha; Kaufman, Cheryl L; Kelly, Maureen F; Kendrick, Jeb; Liberty, Larry; Myrick, Elizabeth; Ozuna, Derrick A; Richmond, Jo Ann; Rosenberg, Robyn; Stovall, Brian; Tendler, Stuart M; Thomas, Gary A; Vela, Ricardo

Absent:

Adams, Christopher; Anderson, Anthony; Banbury, Alex; Bernard, D J; Bevington, Lizbelle; Bitzel, Alanna M; Cantu, Veronica R; Cross, Katherine A; Crouch, Stephanie W; Eitelbach, Jason; Faulkner, Monica; Faulkner, Whitney; Faunes, Enrique; Fehlman, Barbara L; Fitch, Rebecca; Ford, Kayla M; Guza, James; Hard, Nancy; Harris, Anna; Hernandez, Robert; Kresha, Matthew R; Lyon, Colleen; Miller, Vicki A; Montgomery, Julia; Riazzi, Carol B; Roberson, Decarlos R; Tenney, Margaret; Velazquez, Fernando; Viteo, Jennifer; Winegarten, Debra

Guests: none

The meeting was called to order by chair Erika Frahm at 2:02 p. m.

Chair's Report

Chair Erika Frahm reported that:

- The next general meeting will be 2:00 – 2:30 April 17, 2014.
- Staff Ombuds Office will be open part-time beginning September 1st due to low usage. Faculty and Student Ombuds have always been part-time.
- Presentation practice runs, what to look for:
 - Would this be clear to someone with no background on the topic?
 - Is the tone respectful, collaborative, and open? Does it invite discussion or shut down discussion?
 - Is this enough info?
 - Too much info?

- Does this flow?
- Final reports due to Erika by April 25th
- Presentations to the President are May 8th in Avaya Auditorium
- Nominations for Secretary and Parliamentarian, May (standard) or April (just to save time in May meeting)? Elections for these two positions will be in June per the by-laws.

Motion was made to nominate Parliamentarian and Recording Secretary in April (however, a quorum was not present). No vote was taken.

Recording Secretary's Report

Recording Secretary, Gary Thomas, asked for a vote on the revised February minutes and they were approved (however, a quorum was not present).

Nominations and Elections Committee Report

In the absence of N&E Chair Derrick Ozuna, Erika Frahm announced the nomination results for Chair and Vice Chair for next term:

- Brian Stovall was the sole nominee for Vice Chair
- Stuart Tendler was the sole nominee for Chair

Staff Educational Benefits Committee Report:

Vadim Gorlick gave a practice presentation containing previously approved content for his committee. Considerable discussion, comments and suggestions followed.

Special Projects Committee Report

Melissa Fratkin gave a practice presentation containing previously approved content for her committee. Considerable discussion, comments and suggestions followed.

Unfinished Business

Erika announced that next month we will hear the practice presentations from Sustainability, Communication, and Shared Services committees.

New Business

- Richard Costa announced Spring 2014 Golf Tournament
- Phil Gavenda presented some details about group email bugs

The meeting adjourned at 2:56 p. m.

Minutes Approved April 17, 2014

Gary Thomas
Recording Secretary

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