Session Summary for November 16, 2017

Location: POB 2.302  Time: 2:00 – 3:30

- Check out the blog post and flyer posted on our website that talks about ways you can fight hate on our campus. Speaking out, reporting wrongs, and learning about people who are different from you are just three of the ways we can help stop tensions from escalating.
- Outstanding Staff and Supervisor Awards nominations are due by November 27.
- Regents Outstanding Employee Awards nominations are due by January 31.
  - Contact Jeannie Farahnak with questions.
- Check out the WorkLife Clinic website for more information about the walk-in clinic. Only a $10 co-pay!
- Holiday Assistance Program focuses on food donations and Orange Santa focuses on toy donations for UT families in need. Donate stuff now or volunteer with them!
  - Questions about the HFSA Holiday Assistance Program can be directed to Leticia Acosta: 512-232-6780
  - Check the Orange Santa website for their contact information
- Guest Speaker – Dr. Michael Mahometa, Statistics and Data Sciences
  - The Department of Statistics and Data Sciences offers statistical consulting services to students, faculty, and staff.
  - Consultants can help with research and survey design, data analysis, model selection, power analysis, and interpretation/write-up of results. Typical software used are R, SPSS, Stata, SAS, etc.
  - Free consulting available! As well as contract consulting, software short courses, and Summer Statistics Institute.
- Guest Speaker – Yulanda McCarty-Harris, Office of Inclusion and Equality (OIE)
  - Learn about your Duty to Report as a responsible employee.
  - Check out the Title IX website to learn about sexual discrimination, sexual harassment, and sexual assault, ways to report, and what our university is doing about it.
- Committee Updates
  - Bylaws
    - Making bylaws user-friendly.
  - Diversity and Inclusion
    - Researching accessibility, transportation to off-main campus sites, and diversity/inclusion training.
  - Flex Work
    - Creating training for managers.
    - Improving online resources for staff.
    - Gathering data on what might increase the use flex work arrangements.
  - Communication
    - Developing a communication strategy.
    - Working on website improvements.
- New business and announcements:
  - December 21st General Meeting of Staff Council has been cancelled.