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staffcouncil.utexas.edu

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# Session Summary for November 16, 2017

## Location: POB 2.302

Time: 2:00 - 3:30

- Check out the <u>blog post</u> and <u>flyer</u> 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.
- <u>Outstanding Staff and Supervisor Awards</u> nominations are due by November 27.
- <u>Regents Outstanding Employee Awards</u> nominations are due by January 31.
  - Contact <u>Jeannie Farahnak</u> with questions.
- Check out the <u>WorkLife Clinic website</u> 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 <u>Leticia Acosta:</u> 512-232-6780
  - o Check the Orange Santa website for their contact information
- Guest Speaker Dr. Michael Mahometa, Statistics and Data Sciences
  - <u>The Department of Statistics and Data Sciences</u> 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, <u>Office of Inclusion and Equality</u> (OIE)
  - Learn about your <u>Duty to Report</u> as a responsible employee.
  - Check out the <u>Title IX website</u> 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.
    - o Diversity and Inclusion
      - Researching accessibility, transportation to off-main campus sites, and diversity/inclusion training.
      - Evaluating UT's Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan.
    - Flex Work
      - Creating training for managers.
      - Improving online resources for staff.
      - Gathering data on what might increase the use flex work arrangements.
    - $\circ$  Communication
      - Developing a communication strategy.
      - Working on website improvements.
  - New business and announcements:
    - December 21<sup>st</sup> General Meeting of Staff Council has been cancelled.