Session Summary for February 15, 2018

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

- Chair’s Report
  - March meeting moved to 03/22
  - Bobby Stone with PTS will be at April meeting
  - UTSC Book Club will read “Made to Stick”. If interested in joining, contact Jaime

- Vice Chair’s Report
  - Darrell Bazzell had the officers contact two key staff members he worked with in Wisconsin to talk about Staff Congress issues
  - This relationship will provide peer feedback and knowledge to help our council run more efficiently.

- Guest Speaker-Kouang Chan, University Ombuds
  - Confidential 3rd party voice that assists students and staff with personal conflicts.
  - A service they provide is to direct clients to the proper office if action is needed/wanted, but will not launch any type of formal investigation.

- Officer Elections-Jaime & Gordon
  - Regular elections will open in March; Districts ending in an even number will open. Vacant positions are open as well.

- Guest Speaker-Kari Ross, Campaign Organizer w/Environment Texas
  - Working w/the Sustainability Committee to pass a resolution for UT System to create a Task Force. This task force will create a University Lands methane-control program to cut current emissions by half in the next 5 years. The resolution was supported and passed by UTSC.

- Proposed Bylaws Changes-Caroline
  - 6 policy changes were discussed: Proposed Bylaw changes 1-5 were passed with UTSC soft vote, but proposed change 6 about term limits was not. Council would like more information at the next meeting prior to making a final decision.
  - Email Caroline with suggested language for bylaws change

- New Business/Announcements
  - Michael Nugent, rep for District 220, said his fellow staff members are concerned about safety and security at WPR and are looking for suggestions on resources.
  - Claire Hahn w/Health & Wellness gave information about the next Wellness Screenings: TCC 2/27-2/28; PRC 03/22-03/23; Gregory 03/05-03/08
  - Tepera Holman, District 160, said if an employee is requesting the Staff Ed Benefit, to apply for the benefit first, then apply to the University for admission.