Staff Council Minutes

Date and Location: May 10, 2012, Library Multi-Purpose Room 10:00 am- 11:00 am


Substitutes: Kate Hale for Joyce Daniels, Sandy Dennis for Tracy Holtman, Judy Geye for Nelda Moore, and Shawna Thomas for Cheryl Works.


Staff Council President Alana Hefner called the meeting to order. The roll call was taken.

TREASURER’S REPORT- Kay Wiley reported the following balances:
Operating Expense Account 213500 balance: $ 5,738.38 as of 04/30/2012.
General Fund Account 233500 balance: $ 18,977.37 as of 04/30/12.
Scholarship Fund Account 24190 balance: $6,223.56 as of 04/30/12.
Minutes were approved as stands.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Employee Appreciation ( Susan Gordon, Richard Dorman, Cory Shaw)-No Updates

2. Public Relations-(Kari Lewis, Daphne Hunt, Nikki Jackson) – No Updates


4. Healthy Campus- (Angela Ballard)- No update

5. Staff Affairs- (Alana Hefner) –
   • Elections were sent out on May 9th.
   • Storage is still trying to be procured.
   • Staff Council member of the year will be announced at the June meeting.
   • Staff Appreciation month will be in September. SC members please be thinking of what we would like in the displays.
June 4th-- Retreat will be at Legends (lunch included)

July-December SC meetings will be in the Math building room 125, on the 4th Wednesdays of the month.

6. **Scholarships** (Steven Bowman, Carol Murphy) -- Jennifer Thurman was the last of the scholarships for the spring. Leaving a balance of $6223.56.

7. **Staff Development** (BJ Simmons) -- Staff Wellness Day is all set. Volunteers needed to introduce speakers and in check in. Clipboards were circulated to fill those vacancies.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Graduation Volunteers:**

- Risk Management will be loading the water in the coolers, we will sell them for $1.00.
- Ceremonies at 10:30 and 7:30.
- Bad weather arrangements have been made in case of inclement weather.
- Gary Stout has volunteered to set up a shade for the volunteers selling water.

Elections were sent out May 9th and will close on Friday the 11th. Three new SC positions opened up due to the rise in the increase in staff.

**Dr. Dottavio:**

- The Board of Regents approved of a fee increase.
  - $10 increase on tuition
  - $35 doctoral application fee
  - Replacing course fees into a College fee. Hopefully, this will help in the strategic plan across campus.
  - These increases are projected to increase revenue by 2.9 million.
    - This will help fund:
      - scholarships for faculty and staff
      - salary increases in the amount of 1.3 million (not sure, at this time, how the increase will roll out)
      - additional Faculty and Staff positions were represented in the 2.9 million
  - 18% State revenue decrease is still in play for budget reductions. 2013 is the last year of the budget scenario.
• Growth is good for Tarleton.
• The Legislature is going to be meeting soon. The Governor is taking a very hard line on keeping with no increases in budget. There are grumblings about an additional reductions, but not set in stone.
• Update on Finance and Administration position
  o Two candidates are scheduled for interviews and the third candidate will be interviewed sometime in June.
    § One internal and two external.
  o Jerry Graham will be leaving at the end of the month. Tarleton will have to look into an interim person until a decision has been made.
• Parking
  o Temporary changes will be made for construction.
    § Nursing and Science will be moved for the summer to the Student Center parking lot.
    § Legends parking lot will be opened up to commuters.
    § Football game parking will be an issue. Police will have more of a presence during these events.
• Questions from the audience:
  o Why do we not build a parking garage?
    § Flat spaces cost $3000 and a parking garage would cost $13,000 per space.
  o Is the 2020 plan being updated on the website?
    § Projects are being done in real time and they have not been updated on the plan posted online. This plan is a guide and not set in stone.
  o Will Faculty and Staff be getting the new MasterCard Id cards?
    § Communication will need to go out about the new cards.
**Door Prize--**

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**Judy Geye** was the winner of this month's door prize!!!

A motion to adjourn was made with no objections.