In Attendance

Carl Greig, Rhonda Hoover, Frankie Milligan, Celeste McNiel, Jayson Ferguson (via phone), Barbara Sears & Katheryn Hartshorn.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from March’s meetings were reviewed and passed with minor date corrections.

Officer Reports

1. Treasurer
   • $326.13 in the Staff Council account.
   • Staff Council is now fully in charge of their own account with the Secretary being the creator and the Treasurer being the signers.
2. Secretary
   • All minutes have been submitted to be placed on the website.
   • Employee of the Month (EOM) has been placed on the minutes.

Committee Reports

1. Executive Committee
   • Celeste & Marcie met with Dr. Cutrer regarding Staff Council. She wanted to be informed of issues, concerns, and plans from the S/C.
   • Dr. Cutrer is interested in attending a future meeting of the S/C.
   • Professional Development was brought up. A collaborative effort was mentioned on some upcoming events.
2. Elections Committee
   • Replacements/Additions for 2013-2014 General Elections:
     ➢ 2-Group 3
     ➢ 2-Group 4
     ➢ 1-Group 5 (Addition)
     ➢ 1-Group 7 (Due to Retirement prior to term ending)
       ▪ Celeste will send out an email to staff in the above EEO groups.
   • By-Law Modifications:
     ➢ Define who can serve on Staff Council.
     ➢ Member and Officer Terms.
     ➢ Ad-Hoc Committee formed
       ▪ Carl, Barbara, & Celeste

Recorded By: Frankie Milligan
Old Business

1. Unit Plan Review
   - Waiting on approval.
2. Employee Parking Stickers
   - Proposal Reviewed.
   - Minor grammatical changes and format changes to be made.
     ➢ Final resolution submitted included as attachment.
3. Relocation of Smoking Area
   - Proposal Reviewed.
   - Will format proposal to match Employee Parking Sticker’s.
     ➢ Final resolution submitted included as attachment.

New Business

1. Staff Event
   - Dr. Cutrer interested in co-sponsoring a staff only Town Hall meeting.
2. Guest at May Meeting
   - Dr. Cutrer
   - Ricky Norton (Director of Human Resources/EEO)

Announcements

Next Meeting: 5/8/2013 2:00 PM, UC 114
March Employee of the Month: Jayson Ferguson

Adjournment

3:21 p.m.
Texas A&M University-Texarkana
Staff Council Resolution

Resolution 1213-001

Staff Council
Texas A&M University-Texarkana

Sponsored By:
Staff Council (passed with a unanimous vote)

WHEREAS, We the Staff Council of Texas A&M University-Texarkana, in representation of approximately 150 employed staff, believe that having a visibly different hang tag type parking permit would be beneficial for employ vehicle identification and parking control;

WHEREAS, We the Staff Council of Texas A&M University-Texarkana further believe that the implementation of making a hanging tag available for employees would alleviate the concern in parking permit options, employee cost, and vehicle cost for all employees in the campus community;

WHEREAS, We the Staff Council of Texas A&M University-Texarkana desire to help support A&M-Texarkana as a comprehensive regional university and improve the moral for all employees;

WHEREAS, We the Staff Council of Texas A&M University-Texarkana desire to immerse ourselves in the process of institutional improvements in the most efficient and effective manner and means possible;

WHEREAS, We the Staff Council of Texas A&M University-Texarkana have examined the benefits of offering a hang tag parking indicators for employees; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Staff Council of Texas A&M University-Texarkana supports the implementation of offering hang tag parking permits for employees on campus.

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Celeste McNiel            Marcie Whisenhunt
Staff Council Chairperson  Staff Council Vice Chair
Texas A&M University-Texarkana
Staff Council Resolution

Resolution 1213-002

Staff Council
Texas A&M University-Texarkana

Sponsored By:
Staff Council (passed with a unanimous vote)

WHEREAS, We the Staff Council of Texas A&M University-Texarkana, in representation of approximately 150 employed staff, respectfully petition that the Administrative Council consider relocation of the Designated Smoking area to a place that is more suitable and is in keeping with the objectives of the University.

WHEREAS, We the Staff Council of Texas A&M University-Texarkana further believe that the current location makes a poor first impression for visitors to our campus as it is in the drop off zone for students and guests as well as in the direct pathway from the Visitor parking area to the Science and Technology Building and the University Center.

WHEREAS, We the Staff Council of Texas A&M University-Texarkana desire to support A&M-Texarkana as a comprehensive regional university and improve the morale for all employees; the current location is simply too far away. It is inefficient in that it takes too long to get there thus becoming a productivity issue.

WHEREAS, We the Staff Council of Texas A&M University-Texarkana desire to support the campus community university and protect the safety, and well-being of all employee, students, and faculty; there is no shelter at the current smoking location. This becomes at least a morale issue but almost as certainly a health issue.

WHEREAS, We the Staff Council of Texas A&M University-Texarkana desire to immerse ourselves in the process of institutional improvements in the most efficient and effective manner and means possible;

WHEREAS, We the Staff Council of Texas A&M University-Texarkana have examined the benefits of relocating the designated smoking area; now, therefore be it
RESOLVED that the Staff Council of Texas A&M University-Texarkana supports the relocation of the smoking area to the Northwest corner of the University Center. We find the area to be more suitable. It is closer in proximity, provides shelter from the wind, and is more discrete. It would be accessed by the back door (lake side) turn right and straight down to the end of the building.

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Celeste McNiel                      Marcie Whisenhunt
Staff Council Chairperson           Staff Council Vice Chair