

Staff Council Meeting Minutes

DATE: 2/13/24

LOCATION: SCIT 102

ATTENDING: Madie Westmoreland, Mandy Davis, KaDeidre Bell, Joni Millican, Deann Norton, Tina Reed, Debra Grider, Jodi Pompa, Amber Galvan, Jennifer Davis

ABSENT: Deanna Harding, Susan Gleason, Jennifer Carrillo

MEETING BEGAN: 11:05 a.m.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Motion made by Mandy to approve previous meeting minutes. Debra seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. Kathryn Montgomery spoke via Zoom about LinkedIn Learning. She hopes that everyone got the email and has logged into it. 6 other system schools are utilizing this. Dr. Alexander is a big proponent of this. This is a pilot program that began in December and is scheduled to end on October 31st. Look around in it at the different topics and videos – there are all kinds of courses. Some courses will give a certificate and many courses have badges earned upon completion. These courses can supplement your resume and LinkedIn profile. Kathryn is seeking staff volunteers to help her in the pilot program determining what kind of courses the staff would want to complete- if anyone is interested let Kathryn know. There will be a learning campaign/challenge – there will be a specific course that if a staff member completes will win a prize. More details to come. Any questions- contact Kathryn. Tina said she would be willing to help Kathryn.
3. Chili cook-off: Marketplace is open. It's in the Need to Know and will have sandwich boards made and posted around campus. Mandy and Joe will make some chili. We'll need to order trophies: 1st place will be Eagle's Choice; a 2nd place choice and 3rd place will be Spiciest. Staff Council will purchase chili toppings, bowls, spoons, napkins and cups. Mandy will reach out to Jason's Deli about donating cookies and tea. Madie said Rogers Trophies didn't have the trophies she was looking for so she will order them online. Trophies should read "TAMUT Chili Cook-Off 2024". Tickets will be \$ 5/all-you-can-eat and 1 vote per ticket with the ability to buy more votes. We'll also need surge protectors. KaDeidre mentioned checking with IT about those. If anyone thinks of anything, email Madie.
4. Candy Grams: have more than 200 orders so far. Will be putting them together after the meeting. Volunteers are needed from each building to get them distributed.
5. Preview Day Selfie Station: Admissions asked us to set up a selfie station for prospective students to use during Preview Day (will be holding one each day the first week of March).

Celeste is letting us use the new TAMUT backdrop for selfies. Kristin in Graphics will create a digital photo frame. Selfie Station will be outside of Eagle Hall and will stay there all week as long as it's not needed by Student Life. There is a possibility of moving the station to the gym based on the number of students scheduled to come to campus.

6. March pizza fundraiser/eating contest: will organize this after Candy Grams and the cook-off is finished.
7. April event, TAMUT Field Day: Joe and Student Life are working on this: field day games, food trucks, games for all and a cookout.
8. Open: For June's Family Day event, Dr. Alexander is on board for Friday morning from 9:30-11:30 a.m. (this is usually the first Friday in June).

Jennifer Davis asked about the Eagle Update being helpful for people and wanted opinions on it. It was mentioned that it was helpful during COVID and Jennifer mentioned that Preview Day would have been good for the Eagle Update. If people think it's good we'll get it started up again.

NEXT MEETING: 11 a.m. March 12, 2024, SCIT 102

MEETING ENDED: 11:39 a.m.

Addendums:

1. Jennifer Carrillo requested to step down from Staff Council due to new duties in the Admissions office. If anyone would like to serve on Staff Council contact us at staffcouncil@tamut.edu.
2. The Candy Grams fundraiser brought in \$274.
3. \$432 was raised from the chili cook-off and will go directly to the Eagle Food Pantry. Financial Aid won Eagle's Choice, Phi Lambda Chi won 2nd place and Joe Sloan won 3rd place- Spiciest. The cook-off was moved outside since the weather was nice.