

Staff Assembly Meeting

(Approved minutes)

September 1, 2015

Justin Boardroom

3:30 pm

Welcome and Remarks

- **Jay Iorizzo, Chair**, welcomed all and reviewed upcoming agenda for the year

Guests : Chancellor Boschini and Stathis Michaelides, Chair of Faculty Senate

- **Chancellor Victor Boschini** updated SA on student retention (91%) ; Student enrollment exceeds expectations; Medical school collaboration with UNTHSC.
- **Stathis Michaelides** welcomed SA to the new year and spoke on the significance of the Faculty Senate and Staff Assembly partnership; Briefly recapped the commission of benefits.

Old and New Business

- Introduction of members by years of service. Each time period was well represented
- UCAC Update by **Aisha Torrey-Sawyer**- Retiree Bridge Program. Each retiree (spouse and dependents included) will receive an additional \$104.90 per month. Paid in lump sum yearly until 2019. Aisha gave special thanks to Human Resources for support. For more information refer to July 20, 2015 This Week at TCU and HR website.
- The importance of communication as a goal for this year was mentioned. Channels for communication can be a SA new website, This Week at TCU, TCU marketplace, handouts and individual members carrying the message out to staff campus wide.
- HOT TOPICS concept was launched and staff broke into smaller discussion groups. Responses will be studied and recorded.

Committee Reports

- College Resources- Matt Millns
 - Explained committee to new members and the importance of their events
 - College Night is planned for Mid-October
- Committee on Committees-Walter Betts
 - Committee assigns University Committee appointments and meets primarily during the summer
- Community Service-Stephanie Key and Shawn Keane
 - Halloween event for Kinderfrogs/Starpoint-encourages everyone to dress up and participate.
 - Cowboy Santa in December
- Elections-Wendy Bell
 - No vacancies reported

- Marketing and Communications-Liz Parks
 - Push Media communications
- Policy and Advocacy-Terence Kennedy
 - Recap of the proposal to extend the Employee Tuition Benefit to employees
 - Requested any policy ideas from Staff Assembly
- Professional Development-Kathryn Schrubba
 - Lunch Roulette is scheduled for October 30. More details to come.

Announcements and Open Forum

Evan Saperstein reminded everyone about House Calls and the importance to connect with new students.

Rachael Capua introduces 3 items on the agenda for Student Development (email for more details)

- 1) Open House for Transfer students
- 2) Financial Literacy
- 3) Frog It Forward

Cortney Gumbleton explained the upcoming event at Smoothie King on September 8, 2015 2-4 pm in conjunction with Frog it Forward

Next month agenda item: Campus Carry

Student debate team to lay the foundation of the issues for our campus on September 10, 2015
BLUU Ballroom

Adjourn: 4:45 Motioned by Lori Stowe and Second by Rodney Baker