



Staff Council General Meeting
Tuesday, September 20, 2016
UNEA 102a Acacia Room, 2:00PM – 3:30PM

- I. Call to order – 2:03 pm
 - II. Guest Speaker- FHAR
 - a. FHAR- Foster Homeless Adopted Resources
 - i. Katie Swift & Sergio Contreras are academic advisors at the Academic Advising Center.
 - ii. FHAR holds a partnership with Financial Aid, Resident Life, Career Center, Counseling Center, Miner Connection Food Pantry.
 - iii. In addition they also hold connections with off campus places such as: EP Coalition for Homeless, EP Foster Care, Homeless Shelters, Department of Family and Protective Services, among others.
 - iv. The services that FHAR provides are: verification of homelessness, liaison with TX Department of Family and Protective Services, referrals to community resources, academic advising, career mentoring, provide supplies when available.
 - v. FHAR is always welcoming donations of textbooks, supplies and any other kind for all the students in need.
 - vi. You can contact FHAR at the Academic Advising Center Building or through email at fhfar@utep.edu
 - III. Approval of previous meeting minutes
 - a. Maria Hernandez begins motion to approve meeting minutes for August. Delia Heras seconds motion. Motion carries, minutes approved.
- III. Executive reports
- A. Chair – **Ben Carnevale**
 - a. Meeting with the President
 - i. Dr. Natalicio wants to see into the incentives and reasons why members have resigned. In addition she agreed on the idea of having a dinner at her house with the supervisor and/or immediate family member. Dr. Natalicio will be speaking to Roger Brown from HR to get more inside on the lack of support from HR to the council as well as other issues. She likes the changes on the image of the council.
 - ii. Dr. Natalicio found very interesting the research about the tuition assistance program and would like for Paul Adame to collect more data and work with Gary Edens to look more into the possibility of doing it.
 - iii. The situation in regards to parking was noted and she agreed that something needed to change. She will be following up as well as seem extremely happy with the report.
 - b. Info Fair 2016 – **Ana Diaz**
 - i. Waiting on final confirmation for moving awards to service awards. Will confirm with Patti Martinez in regards to that matter.
 - ii. The event can possibly be moved to November if the scholarships will not be awarded. That will give more time for planning and possibly re-structuring the event
 - c. Research Committee topics
 - i. The research committee topics are:

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1. Food Services
 2. Parking & Transportation
 - a. Committee will be created
 3. Family Tuition Assistance
 - a. Paul Adame will continue working on it as per request by Dr. Natalicio
 4. Schedule
 5. Scholarship
 6. Police Department parking lot.
 - a. Dr. Natalicio took notes in regards to this matter and might be taking under the project.
- d. Standing Committee Chairs
- i. Kristen Gonzalez nominated as chair for communications
 - ii. Chris Mandell nominated as chair for P&T
- e. Louie Martinez – promotion
- i. Louie received a promotion and will no longer be able to participate in the council.
- B. Vice Chair – **Paul Adame**
- a. Textbook Scholarship
 - i. Awardees have been notified
- C. Treasurer’s report – Maria Hernandez
- a. Account update
 - i. Met with Ana to speak in regards to the cost center and balances. Will follow up on more information regarding budget and allocations

IV. Old Business

V. Committee Reports – (committees as of the day of the general meeting)

- A. Elections
- a. No members at the moment
- B. Communication
- a. Kristen Gonzalez nominated as chair
- C. Research Committee 1
- a. Parking and Transportation
 - i. Chris Mendell nominated as chair
 - ii. Ben Carnevale will proceed to get clearance from the President to continue the committee of Parking & Transportation.
- D. Research Committee 2
- a. Summer Schedule
 - i. Maria Hernandez nominated as chair
- E. Employee Advisory Committee
- a. EAC Members
 - i. Karla Iscapa – Vice Chair
 - ii. Christian Corrales
 - iii. Vanessa Ramos
 - b. Staff Council will possibly invite them to the next general meeting

VI. New Business

VII. MISC (comments, announcements, accomplishments, etc.)

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1. There are spots open for Faculty Senate Liaison, SGA Liaison and Distinguish Awards

VIII. Adjournment – **3:39 pm**

1. Ana Diaz moves motion to adjourn, Delia Heras seconds motion.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Adame, Ben Carnevale, Ana Diaz, Katherine Eberle, Kristen Gonzalez, Delia Heras, Maria Hernandez, Chris Mandell, David Porras JR, Lourdes Sanchez

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