

**Angelo State University
Staff Senate Meeting Minutes
UC 203-204
April 15, 2013**

Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum

The meeting was called to order and a quorum established at 3:01 p.m. by Crystal Braden, Chair.

Senators Present: Kimberly Adams, Aaron Amaro, Becky Brackin, Crystal Braden, Denise Brodnax, Kent Corder, Patrick Dierschke, Suzie Dusek, Adra Enos, Luann McCorkle, Pat Payne, Ruben Sandoval, Justina Stark and Kristi Wolff

Alternates Present: Kurtis Neal and Kelsey Samsel

Visitors signed in: Jody Casares

I. RamStar Awards:

Awards were presented to Autumn Barnes, Denise Brodnax, Deanna Gully, Alfred Morales, Christena Parks, and Eddie Rodriguez for the month of March.

II. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes:

The minutes of the previous meeting from February 18 were presented for approval. Patrick Dierschke made a motion to accept the minutes and Denise Brodnax seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Guests:

Kurtis Neal, Director of Human Resources

Service Awards Dinner will be Wednesday evening, April 17th. Patrick Dierschke brought forward a concern about how the length of service is calculated for the service awards. Currently it is for continuous service to the university. Do part time employees qualify? In 2007 this concern was brought forward to the staff senate and a committee was created to bring back suggestions. The staff senate recommended cumulative years be counted towards the service awards, as well as part time benefits eligible employees. This is documented in the February 2008 meeting minutes. This was sent to a Service Awards University Committee. Nothing was resolved from that recommendation.

Kurtis reported the Service Award University Committee disbanded and moved the responsibilities of service awards to Human Resources. The current program recognizes both Faculty and Staff.

Patrick Dierschke recommended we bring this issue up in New Business to decide how to proceed.

Training schedule for supervisors will be coming out this week. All job descriptions are available on RamPort as soon as the training begins.

Sean Johnson, Athletic Director

Sean Johnson is looking for ways to increase attendance at our home games. A Student Organization was recently created called Ram Fan. The organization will help increase student attendance. How can we increase faculty and staff participation? E mail Sean with any information or suggestions.

IV. Treasurer's Report:

\$317.05 – Staff Senate Account

\$1,859.38 – Staff Excellence Award Account

\$0 – President's Award Account

V. Committee Reports:

Employee Relations – Patrick Dierschke reported there is a tentative date of April 24th Cavness Building with Department of Biology with tours of the Natural History Collection.

Nominations – Becky Brackin reported the nominations committee has received a list of all employees from Human Resources and they will begin e mails for nominations in the four categories. New terms will begin June 1.

Vice President for Finance and Administration Search Committee – Denise Brodnax reported committee is currently reviewing applications and telephone interviews will be set-up.

Provost Search Committee – Suzie Dusek reported Dr. May will be sending out an announcement. The announcement was sent during the meeting and the Provost position will be reposted in 2014.

VI. Unfinished Business:

No Unfinished Business.

VII. New Business:

Crystal Braden reported a suggestion was submitted about the University Clinic. Would it be possible for staff members to use the University Clinic? University administration is researching the possibility of offering this to the employees.

Crystal Braden reopened the topic of Service Awards and suggested we have a short discussion and then ask the Employee Recognition Committee to meet and develop an official recommendation to present to Human Resources. The committee has been charged to meet before the next staff senate meeting to bring back a recommendation.

Athletic Events Participation is reopened and Ruben Sandoval made a motion to establish a committee to discuss opportunities, Staff Relations. Patrick Dierschke seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Miscellaneous

No Miscellaneous Business

IX. Adjournment

Kent Corder moved to adjourn, Patrick Dierschke seconded and the meeting was adjourned.