Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum
The meeting was called to order and a quorum established at 3 pm by Ruben Sandoval, Chair.

Senators Present: Ruben Sandoval, Katie Plum, Mark Allan, Pat Payne, Shonda Brooks, Paula Dowler, Antonella Ward, D Chandler, Judy Stanley, Carl Martin, Carl Halfman, Audrey Wilson and Katie Dixon

Alternates Signed In: Kimberly Adams, Susie Dusek, Justina Stark, Alma Valdez, and Jerre Ader

Visitors Signed In: Mary Eades, Bradley Petty, Kurtis Neal, Dr. Brian May, Flor Madero, Tammy Speciale, Jennifer Lennon, Amanda Brown, Justine Gaskamp, and Vara O’Neal

I. Approval of Previous Meeting’s Minutes
The minutes of the previous meeting from June 20, 2011 were presented for approval. Carl Martin made a motion to accept the minutes, and Audrey Wilson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

II. Guests:

Dr. Brian May, Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs
Dr. May introduced himself as the new Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs and shared with the Senate a brief background of his career, his open door policy and his willingness to assist with any problems or answer any questions the staff or Staff Senate may have. Briefly addressed the tough times the University is going through and if there was anything he could do to help the staff in any way to please let him know.

Kurtis Neal, Director of Human Resources
Thanked all that were able to attend the Benefits Fair. Reminded the staff that we are still quite a ways out before the new timekeeping and payment methods begin to our hourly employees. There will be training seminars, etc. closer to the time it begins. Question was asked to address the difference between exempt and non-exempt employees. Answer: An exempt or non-classified employee is one that does not have to abide by the Federal Over-Time Regulations. Those that are non-exempt or classified are hourly employees that do have to abide by the regulations and have to keep a time sheet to track their time over a work week and are compensated for time worked over 40 hours in a week.

Bradley Petty, Director of University Recreation and Intramurals
Shared the new policies and charges for staff and faculty to utilize the new Center for Human Performance facility. Facility access with the UREC pass includes the gymnasium, weight room, indoor track, racquetball courts, swimming pool, and locker rooms. The cost of the Pass is $120 per person per year. Additional details can be found at the UREC website.

Flor Madero, Associate Director for Multicultural Affairs
a) Addressed the proposed new men’s and women’s luncheons with various topics that would interest the separate groups. Staff Senate members and attendees were asked to complete a short
questionnaire to share which topics would interest them the most and if there were any additional that they might like to see presented. Hopefully the lunch will be provided free of charge or at least with a discount.

b) Announced HSI Speaker Series with John Quinones on Monday, August 29th from 12 to 1 pm in the CJ Davidson and invited all to spread the word and to attend. He is the Emmy Award-winning anchor of the primetime series “What Would You Do?”

III. Treasurer’s Report
Shonda Brooks reported that the balance of Staff Excellence Account is $318.86 and in the Staff Senate Account the balance is $179.93.

IV. Committee Reports

Elections Committee:
D’Ann Chandler reported Staff Senate elections would start the following week and results within two weeks.

V. Unfinished Business:
Audrey Wilson announced that the latest version of the President’s Award for Staff Excellence received no comments and made the motion that the Senate vote on the changes. Pat Payne seconded. Motion passed with 12 ayes and 1 abstention.

Kimberly Adams reported the Office of Development will handle the application processes involved with the Faculty and Staff Scholarship Award and will call on the Faculty and Staff Senates to make up an ad hoc committee to choose who would be receiving the scholarship.

Shonda Brooks reported the application for Ram STAR would be on line soon.

VI. New Business:
Katie Plum reported on the ideas being worked on for the Parking Space Program. This is not to be a yearly pass, but maybe a monthly pass to park closer to the entrance of your building awarded through the Ram STAR program when everything is worked out. Asked that any ideas or suggestions to be emailed to her.

VII. Miscellaneous:
Jerre Ader announced “Girls Night Out” partnering with Laura Bush’s Institute for Women’s Health to be held Thursday, August 25th from 6 to 10 pm in the CJ Davidson Center. All girls are invited. Please encourage any female students, especially freshmen to attend for lots of good information, food, prizes and fun. Point of evening is to help keep ASU women safe, secure, and educated on women’s health issues. Posters were distributed to be posted with more information.

Ruben Sandoval announced that Maggie Pepper had submitted her resignation to the Senate and Audrey Wilson as the next alternate agreed to serve.

VII. Adjournment:
Shonda Brooks moved to adjourn, Carl Martin seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.