I. Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum

Chris Steele, Chair called the meeting to order. Quorum was established.

Senators Present: Sharla Adam, Kerri Mikulik, Judy Polunsky, Judy Stanley, Ashley Baccus, Sandra Rosser, Chris Steele, Farrah Lokey, Betty Thorpe

Senators Excused: Leonor Constancio

Alternates who Signed-In: Sandy Seidel

Guests Signed-In: Angela Allen, Christina Perez, Janice Spencer, Jennifer Lennon, Kurtis Neal, Jenny Barrientos

II. RamStar Awards

Jennifer Barrientos

III. Approval of Previous Meeting’s Minutes

October and November minutes were approved.

IV. Guests:

Kurtis Neal – HR reminder to all the annual Circle Conference for all office support staff.

V. Treasurer’s Report

Staff Excellence $3154.57. Staff Senate $1015.64.
VI. Committee Reports

(Judy) Thanks to staff senate for supporting the Change Challenge and the dessert event. We hope to carry it on next year. Concho Christmas was a success, thanks to all who supported that event as well.

VII. Unfinished Business

VIII. New Business

President’s & Chancellor’s Awards set for March 8, at 9 a.m. 51 nominations last year and nominations are open now to get those through Feb. 9. Spread the word and get others to nominate. Leonor is the chair for the organization. Be on the lookout for help from Leonor as she delegates the event. Dr. Petty is out so we will need a new volunteer for that committee. We have a policy working with Kurtis’ office to make official the one win option per category.

IX. Miscellaneous (comments, announcements, and roundtable items)

Provost office has donated white aprons for us to use in our events.

(Farrah) Staff senate consortium with other Texas schools and discussing other ideas so that we can be resources for each other. Included about 12 other universities. Survey was filled out for comparison. Top ten list was generated of things/concerns. Range of topics from tele-commuting to merit awards etc. Great opportunity for other staff senates to share. (Sandra)

Thanks to all for Toys-for-Tickets was a great success. Over $1000 in gifts were donated which beats the last time.
X.  Adjournment

Meeting adjourned.