

Staff Advisory Council Minutes

September 14, 2004

Attending: REPRESENTATIVES: Loretta Barker, Greg Bateson, David Carpenter, Kathleen Elfrink, Michael Hayenga, Kathryn Jenkins, Don Marsh, Susan Miller, Dawn Remmers, Debra Root, Laurie Thompson, Janis Walkup. **ALTERNATES:** Janie Dennis, Jay Dickey, Nelda Lawson, Regina Shertzer, Dana Winter. **GUESTS:** Sarah Baker, Iris Bruton, Diana Hines, Colin Sanor, Richie Stuart, Stephanie Thompson, Deborreh Wallace.

Representatives Absent: Odilon Arambula, Earline Bragg, Doris Davies, Beverly Higbee, Robert Howard, James McCord, Kendra Miles, Amy Osborn, John Simpson, Sally Thompson, Jay Tillerson, Judy Varnell.

Call to Order and Opening Remarks: Greg Bateson presiding. There is a different order for the agenda because President Spaniolo planned to attend and wanted to present the Maverick Star Awards.
The SAC Office has been rekeyed.

For the Good of the Council:

Guest Speaker: Richie Stuart, Vice President of Student Congress

Richie said there would be early voting at UTA this year. It will be from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on October 21st and 22nd in the UC Palo Duro lounge.

Rock the Vote by MTV will be on campus September 23rd on the west lawn of the Activities Building. Big name bands will be performing and people representing local issues as well as the national campaigns will be present. Anyone wanting to help can contact the Student Congress office or e-mail Richie at richiestuart@hotmail.com.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from March, April, May, June, July, and August were approved.

Treasurer's Report: The following report was approved:

SAC Account	\$4,600.00 New budget
	<u>3,026.04</u> Rollover
	\$7,626.04 Total 04-05 funds

Webb Account	\$ 224.56 – We have a check for \$500 from Michael Hayenga's church which has not yet been deposited.
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Old Business: Membership

Greg read a copy of the letter that went out to all representatives who had attended three or less meeting during the year asking them to please respond if they wanted to continue being a representative. Those who did not respond or who asked to be dropped were taken off the roll as a representative. This left us with 23 representatives instead of 40. Those alternates who are next in line will be asked to fill those positions before the next meeting.

New Business:

2004-2005 Officer Elections

Greg suggested that officer elections be delayed until October to allow the open representative positions to be filled. Current officers will remain in office until elections are held. A motion to that effect was presented. Discussion followed. The motion was seconded and passed.

Representative Elections

A lengthy discussion ensued concerning staggering elections for representatives. It was proposed that a special election be held in November for representatives from districts 1-4. These representatives would serve from January 2005 through August of 2006. The regular election for representatives from districts 5 and 6 would be held in April. These representatives would serve from September 2005 through August 2007. Elections would then be held each year in April with all subsequent representative positions being two-year terms. This would prevent all representatives leaving office at the same time. A motion was presented, seconded and passed. Greg volunteered to coordinate the elections in November.

Maverick Star Awards: President Spaniolo sent word that he was unable to attend. Greg presented the awards to the following recipients.

Iris Bruton of ARRI was nominated by Deborreh Wallace. Deborreh says that “Iris is very dedicated – coming in early and leaving late. She has innovative ideas and recently negotiated an online registration program so we can offer our program attendees the ease of registering on the internet. She also got us a great price since we are an educational organization. Iris also supervises some our graduate students when they aren’t doing technical projects and her rapport with this diverse group is outstanding. Her customer service skills are bar-none and she is always polite and extremely helpful to our industry customers and partners. Iris is a Star in our department and we’d like UTA to acknowledge her as well.”

Diana Hines of the Library was nominated by Loretta Barker. Loretta told of the following incidence. “A commuter student from Waco drove to UTA in order to purchase software from the computer store in Ransom Hall. Upon arriving there, she found the doors locked. She needed the software for her research proposal assignment due the next Tuesday and could not travel back to UTA until after the class. She left in tears and headed to the library to pick up some interlibrary loan articles that were waiting for her. She was upset and explained her problem to Diana. Diana immediately started trying to find someone to help her. She called several offices and finally someone said they knew whom she needed and put her in touch with David Ellis of OIT. He then met her at Ransom Hall and obtained the software for her.

The student said in her letter, “...Diana seemed to care about me as a person...not just another ‘number’ at the university. I will always remember the respect, thoughtfulness, and concern that she showed toward me.”

Cindy Hack of Affirmative Action was posthumously nominated by Greg Bateson. Greg said “Cindy Hack was truly an example to UTA employees. Her commitment to educating students, faculty and staff on matters of equal opportunity and sexual harassment was incredible. Many times she would come to speak to my class as well as organizations that I sponsor. She was always open to questions and was a true student advocate. The last time she spoke to my class was after an extended medical leave and even in failing health she gave an outstanding presentation to my HEED 2300 class. I truly regret that I did not nominate her when she could personally receive this award but her great contribution to the campus community should not go unnoticed.” This will be sent to her department who will forward it to her family.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Janis Walkup, Secretary.