

<i>Type of meeting:</i>	Regular 2009-2010 Staff Council Meeting
<i>Facilitators:</i>	Tim Wolfe, Staff Council President-Elect
<i>Note taker:</i>	Tammy McDaniel, Staff Council Secretary
<i>Attendees:</i>	Special Guest: No guests this meeting

Agenda Topics

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 2:00pm.

II. Reading and Approval of Minutes

March 9, 2010 minutes were nominated for approval by Rhonda Redfearn and seconded by Carlos Gallardo.

Treasurer's Report

No Treasurer's Report

III. Standing Committees Reports

A. Executive Committee

Might change date of next Executive Council

B. Communications Committee

None

C. Membership Committee

Possibility of no elections this year. Everyone stays on Staff Council since there is a 3 yr term no one is going off council this year. Cheryl will confirm with Sharon Cowan.

D. Human Resources Committee

Still working on Staff Resources Guide

E. Professional Development Committee

Finalization of Staff Development Day agenda will take place next week. Staff Development Day scheduled for May 19.

F. Rewards and Recognition Committee

Rhonda Redfearn gave a brief overview of the Pioneer Proud Awards Ceremony. Everything went well and was organized. Anne sent Dr Stuart a note thanking her for her opening remarks and for staying for the Awards ceremony.

IV. New Business/Announcements

Lewis Benavides-Staff Council Advisor mentioned the status of our Wellness Proposal. It has been sent to Human Resources for a draft wellness policy to be written and submitted for approval. The goal is to have this in place and for the time-for-exercise benefit go into effect for the new fiscal year. Staff Council will need to work with John Cissik, Director of Fitness and Recreation, on marketing and public relations. Dallas and Houston campuses might have questions regarding the proposal. Lewis gave authorization to post the announcement on the Staff Council website. Lewis mentioned the budget and referred to a letter from Interim Provost, Dr. McFarland, expressing his optimistic outlook for the upcoming fiscal year. Lewis said that it looks like the university may not have to cut the additional 5% that the state had requested earlier this year. Merit raises have been suspended at this time. However, the same evaluation processing system will continue to be used.

Harry Winn asked the Council about training for Colleague. A staff member was inquiring and Harry brought the question up to council. Tim Wolfe said that he would look into this. Anne mentioned that she could go to the ISS web page and request online training via a form.

V. Old Business

Pioneer Proud Ceremony reviewed. Honors Convocation and picnic volunteers. Staff can volunteer individually for the picnic. Fitness sub-committee-great effort on the proposal. Smoking Task Force-Joshua Hancock mentioned that a proposal will be ready soon to be submitted to the Board of Regents for a new Smoking policy. Staff Resource Guide is still in the works. Website-Gail Orlando got the new Staff Council logo posted and the minutes updated on the Staff Council website.

VI. Guests

No guests in attendance.

Meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Next meeting: May 11, 2010 at 2:00 PM in Stoddard Hall – 402

Dr. Stuart will be the guest speaker