

Staff Senate Meeting Minutes Hardeman Student Service Center, room 206 July 17, 2017 @ 3 PM

I. Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum

Chris Steele, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m., and quorum was established.

Senators Present:

Ashley Baccus, Leonor Constancio, Farrah Lokey, Judy Polunsky, Sandra Rosser, Kelsey Samsel, Betty Thorpe

Senators Excused:

Judy Stanley, Sharla Adam, Andrew Waggoner

Alternates who Signed-In:

Sandy Seidel, D.D. Norton

Visitors who Signed-In:

Poly Riddle, Stacey Sauer

II. RAMStar Awards

RAMStar recipients:

Polly Riddle, Stacey Sauer

III. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

Secretary to add Eddie Rodriguez and Farrah Lokey to June meeting minutes. Sandra motioned to approve minutes with corrections. Judy Polunsky seconded the motion.

IV. Guests

N/A

V. Treasurer's Report

Staff Excellence Awards (62225)

Beginning Balance \$3,500 Available Balance – July 17, 2017 \$1,252.66

We need to order plaque names for Excellence Award winners. Staff Excellence committee chair should take lead on ordering from Angelo Awards.



Staff Senate (62226)

Beginning Balance \$1,200 Available Balance – July 17, 2017 \$297.09

Includes staff hot dog social \$285.89 was spent. Also noticed Chartwells upcoming order is also covered. For August Ice Cream social.

VI. Committee Reports

List of committee reports was passed around to make sure members are current and volunteers for chair of the committees. Sandra will remain as Ram Star awards committee.

Ice Cream Social set for August 8 in UC Spine. Kerri will be sending sign-up for volunteers.

VII. Unfinished Business

Incentive about policy similar to Tech incentive to those who receive degrees. Chris was going to see if he could meet with Dr. May to discuss that we have had several requests. Faculty does tenure and receives promotions/raises through this and funding is found, and perhaps a good parallel could be set up for staff who want to pursue degrees.

Suggestion to touch base with Tech staff senate to see how it works before proceeding. Since it is already a policy it may not be something staff senate at Tech manages.

VIII. New Business

- N/A

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

- We may be hearing about SECC soon. Will need to send list of committee members.
 Last year we heard about it about the 20th. State Employee Charitable Campaign.
 Sandra worked with Farrah, Leonor and Becky from HR on the campaign. There is currently no committee designated for this. Sandra has an excel file with information on how Sandra worked the campaign.
- Chris recommended senate to sign up for committee chairs where needed.

X. Adjournment

Judy Polunsky motioned to adjourn the meeting and Sandra seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 3:23 PM.