



Staff Senate, Angelo State University

Staff Senate Meeting Minutes
Hardeman Building, Room 206
Monday, August 21, 2017 - 3 p.m.

I. Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum

Chris Steele, Chair called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. Quorum was not established so official business could not be conducted. We will proceed with RamStar Awards.

Senators Present:

Sharla Adam, Ashley Baccus, Leonor Constancio, Judy Polunsky, Sandra Rosser, Kelsey Samsel

Senators Excused:

Vara O'Neal, Farrah Lokey

Alternates who Signed-In:

Adra Enos, Sandy Seidel, D.D. Norton

II. RamStar Awards

- Lorina Soza, Casey Thieman, Josh Pleasant, Jamie Huff, Christobel Roman

III. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

Move to next meeting since there is no quorum.

IV. Guests:

a. Kurtis Neal, Director, Office of Human Resources –
Benefits changing? When are we getting packets?

Some have received but should be in the mail. Can always go online and print cards if necessary. HealthSelect is still the name but Blue Cross Blue Shield is the new contractor for services.

b. Dr. Javier Flores, Vice President, Student Affairs and Enrollment
Management (SAEM)

Updates for SAEM – Foster Care Alumni Liason – which is required for all higher ed institutions by State of Texas. Our role is to assist students who are aging out of



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foster care and inform them of services available to them and to help them understand different support services through CPS. Numbers are low for enrollment for these students and studies show that many more are interested that do not attend. REACH is a training that provides training for higher education educators to provide information and work with academics to provide support. We have 40 enrolled at ASU. We have a committee in State of Texas that is looking at and has created a guide that is a great tool for the university. Contact SAEM for questions about this program. We are working with community partners to increase numbers of students for enrollment.

In April ASU was asked to complete a survey from the Coordinating Board and received a \$10,000 grant for the emergency aid program. These funds can be used for students who have not received their financial aid. We have been tasked to define “emergency aid”, what is an emergency? Examples include paying for those items such as a car battery. Most adults can pay for a new car battery but a student may not be able to afford to buy a \$200 battery and if they don’t get a battery, they will start missing classes. This is just one example. The emergency aid is to help support students with these types of needs. Food insecurities are also big on college campuses. ASU has a food pantry available for those students in need. We are going to start asking for donations to help fund our food pantry. So donations and emergency money can go to these types of needs. These are just a few initiatives that SAEM is working on.

Other initiatives from the SAEM Division include; YouVisit Virtual 360 Tour which is online on the ASU Homepage. Take the time to check it out. Go out and share that with your family and friends. It helps when all of us are recruiters.

V. Treasurer’s Report

N/A

VI. Committee Reports

N/A

VII. Unfinished Business



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VIII. New Business

- a. SECC Committee-State Employee Charitable Contribution – Ashley Baccus has signed up and Judy Polunsky and D.D. Norton agreed to work on the committee. They will be working together to get sorted out and begin the campaign. Becky Sparks in HR is the contact for us.
- IX. Miscellaneous (comments, announcements, and roundtable items)
- X. Adjournment-Did not happen because there was no quorum.