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STAFF COUNCIL

AGENDA

October 12, 2021

10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

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The mission of the Texas State University Staff Council shall be to promote and enhance the status of university staff, ensure the effective contribution of staff expertise toward university goals, and act as the liaison between the university president and staff.

The Council shall represent the collective body of the staff and shall report directly to the university president.

Note: Minutes for previous Staff Council meetings are available [on the Staff Council Website](#).

ACTION

(10:00)

Call to Order

Jennifer Small, Vice Chair

Members in attendance: Jen Aguirre, Paul Aleman, Katie Alonzo, Carlos Baca, Harlan Ballard, Jayme Blaschke, Zachary Collins, Nabila Cook, Anita Ford, Noel Fuller, Victoria Gonzales, Judy Herington, Heather Kristoff, Mayra Meijia, Tony Padilla, Camrie Pipper, Jennifer Small, Daniel Vasquez, Bailey Verschoyle, Ana Webb, Ilona Weber, Rachel Weldon-Caron, Amy Wong, Melissa Yip-Santellana, Martin Zavala

SPEAKER

(10:01)

Item 1: Dr. Vincent Luizzi, Faculty and Staff Ombuds

Dr. Luizzi shared details about the Faculty and Staff Ombuds Services Pilot for Fall 2021. Currently, students and faculty have an ombuds representative, but staff do not – his understanding was that there would eventually be a Staff ombuds role eventually.

ACTION

Item 2: Special Election – Staff Council Chair

(10:15) Jennifer Small, Vice Chair
Jennifer called for nominations for Staff Council Chair, since Annalisa Turner had previously stepped down. Noel shared that Brandi Martinez submitted a self nomination to Council and was interested in the role even though she wasn't able to attend the meeting. Jennifer Small was also nominated, but declined her nomination.
Brandi's nomination was accepted and approved by present Staff Council members.

UPDATE
(10:25) **Item 3: Treasurer's Update (handout)**
Carlos Baca, Treasurer and Natalie Davis
See handout for details. Council paid for plaques, had a \$10 donation, and earned interest in the scholarship account. Carlos also thanked Natalie Davis for her help in his transition to the Treasurer role.

UPDATE
(10:30) **Item 4: External Committees (handout)**
Jennifer Small, Vice Chair
See handout for details.
a) Presidential Search
b) Advisory Network (LGBTQIA)
c) Chief Diversity Officer
d) Chief of Police
e) Vaccine Planning Work Group

DISCUSSION
(10:45) **Item 5: Salary Setting Committee**
Mayra Mejia, Parliamentarian
Mayra let Staff Council members know about this committee, and if anyone has an interest in joining they can reach out to Mayra or to someone else in a Staff Council leadership position.

SPEAKER
(11:00) **Item 6: Jessica McClean, OER Community of Learning**
Jessica shared information about the 'Open Educational Resources' (OER) Canvas course. An 'open educational resource' is a type of learning content that is available for no cost with an open license that allows other people to reuse, remix, share, and/or copy the material in any way they want. This can include textbooks, videos, podcasts, infographics, lesson plans, even entire courses.
Staff interested in learning more about the course or wanting to sign up can do so here: <https://guides.library.txstate.edu/scholcomm/OERCOL>

ACTION
(11:15) **Item 7: Council Member Award Eligibility (handout)**
Noel Fuller, Chair – Scholarship and Awards
See handout for details.

DISCUSSION **Item 8: Staff Concern Updates (handout)**

- (11:25) Jennifer Small, Vice Chair
See handout for details.
- a) Energy Conservation Days Inquiry
 - b) ADA Compliance and Documentation Inquiry
 - c) LBJSC Floor Plan Inquiry
 - d) University Camp Rates

- DISCUSSION** (11:40) **Item 9: Announcements (handout)**
Jennifer Small, Vice Chair
See handouts for details.
- a) Staff Shout-Out: Candice Satchell, Faculty Analyst
 - b) Staff Shout-Out: Sherry Caddell, Administrative Assistant II
 - c) Staff Shout-Out: Janet Beltran, Parking Garage Manager

- DISCUSSION** (11:50) **Item 10: Review Pending Items**
Bailey Verschoyle, Secretary
- a) Waste Management – Recycling Bin Inquiry
Bailey mentioned that this was a concern recently sent in so it would be investigated or sent out to a subcommittee for further review.

- ACTION** (12:00) **Adjournment**
Jennifer Small, Vice Chair
Motion to adjourn passed with no opposition.

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