

Southwestern Staff Council Minutes

February 8, 2017

Present: Members: Kirk Fast, Claudio Brigueda, Josh Rosser, Kathy Megli, Casey Merryman, Shirley Venable, Nancy Sanders, Michael Kluver, Melanie Miller, Debbie Flaming, Rick Dahlgren, and Janet Slagell

Not present: All Present

Call to Order – 9:31 am

Minutes

- The draft of the Jan minutes were emailed to council members on Jan 19, 2017. Kathy made the motion to approve the minutes with the corrections and a 2nd by Claudio. Approved by majority vote.

Treasurer's Report

- Debbie reported that the primary account currently has \$6,222.27. Scholarships awarded in the spring, \$1,250, were withdrawn from the primary account. The foundation account currently has \$189.28.

Old Business

- Benefits Committee – Retirement fund options
 - Michael shared a brief overview of previously discussed staff retirement fund options. Staff Benefits Committee had met and generated questions for administration. Council discussed the benefits of the proposed plan and more questions were identified that need to be answered.
 - Michael made a motion to move forward with the review of the opportunity to update the staff retirement fund options with the intension of proposing changes in the near future. A 2nd by Shirley. Approved by majority vote.
- Paper Recycling
 - Kirk had inquired further about current recycling efforts on campus. Discussion concluded that we would like collaborate with the mail room, physical plant, Weatherford Recycling Council and the Weatherford Recycling Center to jointly write policy for the University.
 - Kirk volunteered to chair the committee to begin investigating who is currently supporting different efforts on campus then will schedule a meeting for a committee to meet.

New Business

- Report on Executive Council & Adm Council Meetings

- Zero Card – Presentations for a new service through BCBS that could save employees on co-pays if they use a service that is on their list of providers.
- Press release stated that SWOSU has had enrollment increases the last 6 consecutive semesters.
- Bulldog Bazaar
 - Discussion of activities we could host for staff using the funds we have raised.
 - Discussed alternative fundraising options for the future
 - Tabled

Adjourned – 10:33 am

Janet made a motion to adjourn the meeting and a 2nd by Rick.

Action Items

Michael - forward any new information about Retirement Fund proposal to Council

Kirk – Investigate different roles that departments and groups currently participate in towards recycling efforts

Dates to Remember

March 8, 2017, 9:30 – Staff Council Meeting, STF 201
TBD - Coffee with the President