

Staff Council General Meeting
OCNR 135
February 13th, 2025
2:00pm-3:30pm

- I. Call to Order: 2:06p.m.
- II. Approval of Minutes: Chris Palfreyman motioned to approve; Sarina Garcia seconded
- III. President's Report – Trennon Cavanagh
 - Break in the Day:
 - February 26th, 11:00am-1:00pm, Dugan Wellness Center
 - Catering had been confirmed
 - Benefits will have power point slides going
 - Line Management, stations will be provided
 - Volunteer sheet will be sent out through teams
 - Advertisement for the rest of Homecoming week will also be shown
 - Micheal LaTorre will MC
 - a. Executive Board Elections
 - Vice- President/ President: Stephaine Long
 - See Section IV
 - Parliamentarian: Michael La Torre
 - No Report
 - Secretary: Anna Whetstine
 - No Report
 - Treasurer: Alimursal Ibrahimov
 - See Section V
 - Historian: Mary Mahan
 - Updating the Staff Council website
 - b. Upcoming dates/ meeting times o Upcoming meetings
 - February 13th 2pm-3:30pm
 - March 6th 2pm-3:30pm
 - April 10th 2pm-3:30pm
 - May 8th 2pm-3:30pm
- IV. Vice-President's Report
 - a. Nominations and Elections
 - Ran report of eligible staff
 - Making a plan going forward for getting people elected
 - ½ for staff council will be leaving
 - More updates to come on elections
 - New Sign-In sheet for meetings

- V. Treasurer's Report
- a. Getting ready for process expenses from Break in the Day
- VI. Staff Council Committee Reports
- a. Nominations and Elections - **Chair: Stephaine**, Martha, Ashleigh
 - See Section IV
 - b. Communication Committee – **Chair: Anna**, Lauran, Alexis
 - Waiting on approval for the Break in the Day announcement
 - c. Ad Hoc Bylaws Review Committee – **Chair: Michael**, Christina, Sarina, Alexandra
 - No Report
 - d. Benefits & Employee Development- **Chair: Mary**, Lorena, Alex, Claudia, Ali
 - Preparing slides for Break in the Day showcasing benefits
 - Working on the Staff Emergency Fund
 - Dorthy Yeater was well utilized through Fall 2024
 - e. University Relations – **Chair: Desiree, Ben**, Grace, Diana, Donna, Lorraine, Rick, Others
 - Preparations for Homecoming Break in the Day
 - May retreat, looking to honor the members leaving.
- VII. University Committees Reports
- a. Calendar Committee – Anna
 - No Report
 - b. Campus Wellness Committee – Ben
 - Waiting on a grant from A&M System
 - First meeting end of the month (February)
 - c. Committee on Committees – Stephaine
 - Council review was submitted, all councils appear to be in line
 - d. Environmental Committee – Ashleigh
 - No Report, first meeting 02.20.2025
 - e. Expressive Activity Committee – Micheal
 - Met 02.13.2025, to discuss campus visitors (preachers, etc.)
 - First Amendment On-Campus
 - Repercussions and conduct implications if campus visitors are disrupted
 - March discussion panel on SB17
 - f. Faculty Senate – Stephaine
 - Volunteers for Break in the Day
 - g. Strategic Planning Council – Trennon
 - No Report
 - h. Student Endowment Scholarship Comm. – Ali
 - No Report
 - i. Student Success Council – Lorena
 - No Report
 - j. Transportation Advisory Committee – Lauran
 - No Report
 - k. University Safety Committee – Micheal
 - No Report

I. University Budget Advisory Committee- Ali

- No Report

VII. Liaison Reports (if any)

- Advisor Update – John LaRue
 - No report
- HR Update – Dr. Jacquelyn Flowers
 - HR will be sunsetting the Doctoral Program as of 05/2025, current members must complete their degree by 05/2028
- IT Update – Ben Soto
 - No Report
- Faculty Senate- Dr. Isla Schuchs Carr
 - Faculty Senate is wanting to help with Break in the Day through volunteering or monetarily
- Past President- Alexandra Janney
 - No Report

VIII. Old Business:

- No old business

IX. New Business:

- February 26th- Faculty Staff v. Student Game
- Lorena Newsome- CFE
 - 2/19- Watch Party 3pm in the Library, Texas AI integration
 - 2/24- Information on Study Abroad
 - Mango App for language is available to Staff and Faculty
- Anna Whetstine-
 - Student Employee Bash being hosted in April 14th, more information to come

X. Adjourn:

- Motion to adjourn by Lorena Newsome; Ashleigh Campbell seconded

XI. Attendance:

| Member | | 1/25/2025 | 2/13/2025 | 3/6/2025 | 4/10/2025 | 5/8/2025 |
|-------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|
| Claudia | Ayala | Attended | Attended | | | |
| Diana | Avila | Absent | Attended | | | |
| Ashleigh | Campbell | Attended | Attended | | | |
| Trennon | Cavanagh | Attended | Attended | | | |
| Alexis | De Leon | Absent | Attended | | | |
| Donna | DeLeon | Attended | Attended | | | |
| Yazmin | Diaz | Absent | Attended | | | |
| Lori | Flaminio | Attended | Attended | | | |
| Sarina | Garcia | Attended | Attended | | | |
| Lauran | Guerra | Attended | Attended | | | |
| Desiree | Hofstetter | Absent | Absent | | | |
| Alimursal | Ibrahimov | Attended | Attended | | | |
| Michael | La Torre | Absent | Attended | | | |
| Christina | Loftin | Absent | Attended | | | |
| Stephaine | Long | Attended | Attended | | | |
| Mary | Mahan | Attended | Attended | | | |
| Kevin | Martin | Absent | Attended | | | |
| Lorena | Newsome | Absent | Attended | | | |
| Christopher | Palfreyman | Attended | Attended | | | |
| Ricardo | Reyes | Attended | Attended | | | |
| Ben | Soto | Attended | Absent | | | |
| Lorraine | Soliz | Attended | Attended | | | |
| Anna | Whetstine | Attended | Attended | | | |
| Alex | Zavala | Attended | Proxy | | | |
| Ex Officios | | | | | | |
| Cassondra | Casanova | Absent | Attended | | | |
| Alexandra | Janney | Absent | Attended | | | |
| John | LaRue | Attended | Absent | | | |
| Shay | Lee | Attended | Attended | | | |
| Isla | Schuchs Carr | Attended | Attended | | | |