

Texas A&M University-Commerce Staff Council

Mtg. Date: 7/14/2015

Attendees:

	Present (Yes or No)
Billie Abell	Yes
Janet Anderson	No (notified)
Molly Baur	Yes
Tina Boitnott	Yes
Veta Dawson	Yes
Jeremy Gamez	Yes
Jodi Oelrich	No (notified)
Angela Owens	No (resigned)
Kim Scarcelli	Yes
Christi Spruill	Yes
James Vanbebber	Yes
Bryan Vaughn	Yes

Agenda:

- Mtg. recap w/ Dr. Jones (Tina)
- Address By-Laws: Staff Council Membership
 - EEO change during term
 - Staff member resignation
 - Topic/Issue suggestions to Staff Council
 - Other
- Discuss Staff Council presence on University Committees
- Discuss Official Meeting Time

Notes/Minutes:

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Texas A&M University-Commerce Staff Council was called to order at [1:38p] on [7/14/15] in [Library 156E] by [Tina Boitnott, President] .

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve: Billie Abel

2nd: Molly Baur

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

New Business

Tina gave update from her meeting with Dr. Jones and Ms. Linda King.

- The President's Office is very supportive and pleased that the Staff Council has formed.
- Ms. Linda King will be our liaison to the President.
- Dr. Jones made clear that membership on Staff Council is part of the member's job while on the council.
- Pleased to hear that we are not an advocacy group
- Dr. Jones and/or Ms. King would be happy to attend a Staff Council if needed.

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Staff Council member EEO category changed during term.

- Proposed solution was to allow member to remain on Staff Council and fulfill their term until term expires.
Motion to approve as proposed: James Vanbebber
2nd: Christi Spruill
Unanimously approved by Staff Council

Angela Owens Staff Council resignation

- Given the newness of council and that there were no alternates in the particular EEO category a proposal was made to operate with 11 members until Staff Council gained more of a University presence.
Motion to approve: Tina Boitnott
2nd: Jeremy Gamez

Staff Council discussed possible University Committees to have a presence.

Staff Council discussed how to get general staff involved/interest

- Possible ideas:
 - Email our EEO's to see if they (at the time) have suggestions they would like to propose to Staff Council.
 - Employee of the Month/Employee of the Year
 - Coffee w/ Council - Open Forum format
 - Staff Council Kick-off - Door Prizes, have schedule of events ready to go, brochure

Staff Council Retreat -

Most Likely on campus/Commerce (Set up a Doodle-Tina) Purpose of Retreat - Put thinking caps on to create identity, define our "mission statement", how to create awareness... Possible location is Alumni Center - Parliamentary Info - Staff Council Polo - New Employee Orientation representation.
Last week of July or Week of the 10th of August would be the likely options to have retreat

For the first year where should budget be concentrated - Awareness was suggested.

Staff Council looking into a Bridge Builder Account - Action Item assigned to Veta Dawson.

Staff Council meetings were set to meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each Month from 1:30p-3:30p at Gee Library 156E

Action Items:

Doodle for retreat availability –Tina Boitnott
Bridge Builder account logistics – Veta Dawson
Brainstorm awareness campaign ideas – Staff Council
Send brief bio to James – Staff Council

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at [3:04p] by Christie Spruill 2nd by Billie Abell. The next general will most likely be the Staff Council retreat. TBD