

Staff Council General Meeting Minutes  
Sam Houston State University  
June 10, 2020

I. Call To Order  
Natalie Payne called the meeting to order at 8:41pm

II. Reading/Approval of Minutes – Natalie Payne  
The May meeting minutes

members were in favor and none

- x News and Networking: \$50.00
- x Staff Affairs: \$0.00

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Carol Prater and seconded by Haley Rothrock. All members were in favor and none opposed. Treasurer's Report was approved.

Natalie asked about our budget and received confirmation that if we lose our money, we will lose it; our money will not rollover into the next year. Only money in our Friends of Staff Council account will rollover. Currently, we do not know if we will be able to purchase supplies for events or even our end of year awards. However, Natalie requested that the committee chairs forward a list of supplies to her and Scott Benjamin plan to create a request for consideration.

IV. Chairs Report – Natalie Payne

Natalie noted that there has not been a lot to report about given the impact of the coronavirus on the university. She announced the Staff Excellence Awards and encouraged all members to congratulate the awardees.

V. Committee Reports

News and Networking: Joseph Agins

Dustin Thornton reported that there was currently nothing of note.

Nominations and Election: Megan Hobbs Barrett

Megan noted that the election ballot has been sent out electronically. Also, several printed, bilingual ballots were delivered to F&O. Megan asked for nominations for officers: Benji Cantu was nominated for ~~Chair~~ Elect, Kristin Ware was nominated for Secretary and Rachel Bubela was nominated for Treasurer. She encouraged members to submit officer nominations through Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>.

Special Events: Benjamin Cantu & Candace Prater

Candace reported that there was currently nothing of note.

Staff Development: Haley Rothrock

Haley reported that there was currently nothing of note.

Staff Affairs: Dana Van Der Walker

Dana inquired about a survey for staff about return to work. Natalie reported that one was being discussed.

VI. Old Business: Updates, Discussion, or Action

Natalie reported that the annual Staff Council Retreat will not take place at this time. Instead, we will send a Zoom invitation for a meeting of all current and new members for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. We will also have an additional ~~board~~ meeting the week before. Because July 1<sup>st</sup> is the official return to work date for many, we did not want everyone to feel rushed into making a meeting so we extended the schedule.

VII.

Natali Maness reported that there is a survey being distributed by Population Health about coronavirus and return to work.

Natalie encouraged all members to vote in the SC election.

Natalie thanked everyone for their diligence in these trying times. We look forward to seeing everyone on campus again.

VIII. Upcoming Events  
None.

IX. Adjournment  
Meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Kristin Warren 07/6/2020