

**2016-2017 Executive Officers**

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**University Staff Council (USC)  
Meeting Minutes  
Oct. 20, 2016  
1:30-3:30 p.m.  
Rudder Tower, Rm. 601**

**Members Present:** Sheila Amos, Andy Armstrong, Thadeus Bowerman, Kathleen Dunn, Rebecca Eaton, Susan Edmisson, Toni Eubanks, Mashalle Gomez, Dr. Kenneth Hackney, Sandra Harnden, Sarah Henrichs, Dana Hernandez, Willie Hobbs, Ross Jarvis, John Kay, Julie Kuder, Sharon LeMieux, Lisa Mata, Joy Monroe, Renee O'Banion, Diane Oswald, Kelly Pampell, Lisa Reichert, Casey Ricketts, Elizabeth Scanlin, Mary Schubert, Doug Sweet, Jenna Truelove, Elena Watts

**Members Excused:** Debrorah Barnett, Cari Bishop-Smith, Courtney Charanza, Kari Curtis, Pamela Gentry; Judi Haas, Melissa Loyd, Johna Wright,

**Members Unexcused:** Mary Lu Epps, Julie Zercher

**Visitors Present:** Elizabeth Galvan as a delegate for Pamela Gentry

**USC Administrative Assistant:** Rose Berryhill

**I. Call to Order (Susan Edmisson)**

At 1:30 p.m. Susan welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

**II. Introduction**

**Dr. Barbara Abercrombie, Vice President for Human Resources & Organizational Effectiveness**

**III. Roll Call (Elizabeth Scanlin)**

Member roll called.

**IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes (Susan Edmisson)**

August Meeting Minutes- Amended for absences and Moved by Ross Jarvis. Seconded by John Kay.

**V. Treasurer Report (Willie Hobbs)**

- a. \$8,033.64 in General Budget Available
- b. \$2,520.80 in Professional Development
- c. \$3,285.24 FY 16 Funds Remaining

**VI. Professional Development Training (Andy Armstrong)**

- a. Dr. David Wentling, Director of Undergraduate Student Services Office, College of Architecture
  - i. Communicating with Purpose

**VII. New Business (Susan Edmisson)**

- a. Update on monthly meeting with VP Abercrombie

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- b. Professional Development Assignment

**VIII. Reports from USC Committees (Elizabeth Scanlin)**

**a. Bylaws-Ross Jarvis**

- i. Committee has acquired the former chairs information on bylaws updates that were completed

**b. Staff Emergency Fund – Katy Dunn**

- i. During Fearless Friday at the Rec the fund received \$262.20 in donations. Hoping to work with the Outreach Committee soon on future fundraising options.

**c. Keystone Report-Doug Sweet**

- i. Total of 5 Keystone submitted. 3 have been closed with a response; 1 was tabled for further review and 1 was spam email.

**IX. Reports from Special Committees, Working Groups or Appointments (Elizabeth Scanlin)**

**a. Texas A&M Sustainability Advisory Council (SAC) – Casey Ricketts**

- i. Reviewed President Young’s vision. Kelly Wellman explained that the Sustainability office was founded to enhance the efforts and culture of sustainability in Aggieland. The program includes Social, Environment and Economical issues. Currently Texas A&M University has a Silver Standard ranking and working to get Gold Standard. STARS stands for Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System. Additional information can be located at [sustainability.tamu.edu](http://sustainability.tamu.edu)

**b. Transportation Services Advisory Committee (TSAC) – Susan Edmisson**

- i. Transportation Services Advisory Committee has met twice this year. The 1<sup>st</sup> meeting was a pre-introductory of the new intersection at Lot 54, Ross Street and Bizzell. During the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting at TSAC an update on the Campus Master Plan 2016 was reviewed.

**c. Task Force on Campus Emergencies- Dr. Kenneth Hackney**

- i. Two Code Maroon alerts one from May 26<sup>th</sup> and the other was on June 7<sup>th</sup>, improvements to the Code Maroon System, the Special Situations Team’s activity and trends since the last meeting; the Emergency Operations Plan; infectious diseases on campus, and an overview of Campus Safety Awareness Week activities. Committee profile can be found at <http://committees.tamu.edu/committees/index/index/id/110> .

**d. Campus Master Plan Update**

- i. An open-forum last Thursday for the Campus Community. Planning for a more pedestrian driven campus with a lot of green space was shared in the presentation. CMP website is <http://campusplan.tamu.edu/2016-update/> .

**e. University Dining Committee Meeting-Melissa Loyd**

- i. Vision 2020 plan  
This plan has been introduced to Dr. Strawser and will be introduced to the University Board of Regents soon.  
•They have 2000 more meals plans bought this year than last year. Majority are voluntary plans.

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•With the huge growth on campus they know they are under built to meet needs

2018-2022; Academic core area

Build a Barn that is inspired by the Aggie Barn that will also have a Freight Farm (a recycled shipping container) that grows hydroponically the vegetables used in the Barn.

Engineering Area; the Noodle Warrior

MSC-lower level

(2018) Dos Toros Mexican

(2019) Upper Level

Cava Grill Mediterranean, Jason's Deli, Laynes, and Tuscan Pizza

MSC-Rev's will be turned into a Chili's too (2019)

(2020) City Scape at West campus; Added to existing building

2021- Refresh Duncan Dining

2022- Refresh SBISA

Key is to make dining a destination place for different experiences and to expand the flavor palette of TAMU.

The brands of restaurants mentioned are just ones they would like to bring in but are not confirmed –similar brands can be used if partnerships are not made. Getting Staff to use more dining options on campus is a priority. Because they are under built the hopes is that with fresh new places staff will feel welcome and will frequent these establishments just as much as students.

**X. Questions and Announcements**

- a. Council representatives briefly discussed the difference between a mission statement, which is in the USC bylaws, and a vision statement which the USC does not officially have. A mission statement was generally agreed to represent what we're doing now while a vision statement represents where we want to go. Representatives were asked to submit ideas for a vision statement to Rose ([rberryhill@tamu.edu](mailto:rberryhill@tamu.edu)).
- b. This year the new Outreach Committee will be working on ideas and options for opening up improved two-way communications between staff and representatives.

**XI. Meeting Adjourned**

- a. Moved by Rebecca Eaton and seconded by Ross Jarvis at 3:30pm

**Next USC Meeting:** November 15, 2016; 8:30 am –10:30 am; Rudder, Room 601