



REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

July 20, 2021

Zoom

Members Present: Cody Alvstad, Albert Arocha, Sandra Bauman, Chelsey Begay, Jennifer Benitez, Lorena Blanco-Silva, Armando Bustamante, Angela Catena, Felicia Chavez, Sierra Donovan Cushing, Grace Faustino, Nathanael Faust-Shucker, Evelyn Fleming-Cavit, Gilbert Gallegos, Christina Heinemeyer, Joseph Lane, Karen Lopez, Tom Luna, Daniel Maes, Rudy Montoya, Stephen Murillo, Ivan Olay, Amie Ortiz, Ignacio Ortiz, Cynthia Perez-Chavez, Mary Phibbs, Jason Quinn, Mark Reynolds, Tony Robinson, Carla Sakiestewa, Scott Sanchez, Gina Marie Sandoval, Yadéeh Sawyer, Jessica Serna, Nancy Shane, Jessica Stanton, Jennifer Trujillo, Gina Urias-Sandoval, Brian Vineyard, Tracy Wenzl,

Also Present: Professional Registered Parliamentarian (PRP), Adam Hathaway

Members Excused: Angela Beauchamp, Tyson Eakman, Keith Hitz, Jennifer Kavka, Bryn McCabe-Kelly, Teya Nguyen, John Rodriguez, John Shaski, Prince Thomas, Winton Wood

Members Absent: Lisa Beauchene-Lawson, Mark Fischer, Kelsey Higgins, Michelle Peeples, Javier Rios, Joni Roberts, Kristina Rucker

- I. **Call to Order:** The Speaker called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.
- II. **Roll Call:** The Administrative Officer called roll of members and quorum was established.
- III. **Approve Agenda:** With unanimous consent, the agenda was approved with amendments.
- IV. **Land Acknowledgement:** The Land Acknowledgement was read by Councilor Faustino.
- V. **Approve Minutes:** With unanimous consent, the minutes from June 15, 2021 were approved.
- VI. **Constituent Comments:**
 1. Cindi Meche and Theresa Sherman, Chair and Vice-chair of the SC Communications and Marketing (C&M) Committee, read a prepared statement and requested that the process for appointing committee membership be reviewed by the SC Executive Committee.
 2. Cindy Mason agreed with the previous statement and thanked Meche and Sherman for their comments.
 3. Joanne Kuestner shared her thoughts on recognizing how many people want to participate as members of committees.
- VII. **Reports:**
 - a. President's Report: President Sanchez spoke about the return to campus, campus safety, student recruitment, retention rates and enrollment, and encouraged councilors to be diligent in their work and cognizant of the state of the University.
 - b. Executive Committee Report: Submitted via email. In addition, President-elect Ortiz emphasized the great work of the Staff Success Committee on Staff Success Days, and thanked the volunteers. Ortiz then reported the recommendations of the Executive Committee for: the amendment to allow committee chairs or their designees to make monthly reports to the Staff Council: Exec recommends that the Council adopt; and for the amendment to state no maximum members on standing committees: Exec recommends that the Council does not adopt. Ortiz briefly spoke of the reasoning for the recommendations, and then answered questions.

- c. Speaker's Report: Speaker Wenzl reported that due to voluntary resignations we have vacancies for P12, P15, P21, and have not yet received interest from recruitment emails. Then, with a majority vote, committee appointments were approved.
- d. Treasurer's Report: Submitted via email.
- e. Committee Reports
 - i. Rules and Elections: Submitted via email. In addition, Bauman reiterated the recommendations of the Committee regarding the two upcoming bylaw motions, and updated the Council on a request from the Speaker to begin a review process for committee member assignments. Sandra then called for and answered questions.
 - ii. Ethics: Submitted via email.
 - iii. Communications & Marketing: Submitted via email.
 - iv. Councilor Feedback: Submitted via email.
 - v. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: Submitted via email. In addition, Mason gave an update about the Inclusive Book Club, Infinity Groups, the committee's new calendar system to keep track of events, and encouraged councilors to check out the SC committees. In addition,
 - On behalf of the DEI committee, Councilor Bustamante moved that we create a new Staff Affinity Group: Staff with Diabetes. With unanimous consent the motion was adopted.
 - vi. IT Committee: Submitted via email.
 - vii. Rewards and Recognition: Submitted via email. In addition,
 - On behalf of the Rewards and Recognition committee, Joe Lane moved that the Council approve the "Let's Do Lunch: Local Foods" event with Reed Vawter. With unanimous consent the motion was adopted.

Then Joe gave an update on their work for the scoring directions, criteria, and rubric for the PAWS awards. Joe then called for and answered questions, and, with no objections, Councilor Sawyer clarified the reasoning for the changes in the PAWS award scoring process.
 - viii. Strategic Planning: Faustino gave an update on the roadmap for the year.

VIII. Ten Minute Tidbit: Parliamentarian Hathaway presented on Committees: structure, bylaws regarding committees, what they can and can't do. Hathaway then called for questions, and offered his assistance in crafting bylaw amendments.

IX. Unfinished Business:

- a. Bylaw Amendment: no maximum limit (Article V: Committees; Section 3. Standing Committees; B): Minimum membership on standing committees will be three staff employees, one of whom must be a voting member of the Council. **There is no maximum number of members on standing committees.**

Councilor Bustamante moved to add the sentence "There is no maximum number of members on standing committees." to Article V: Committees; Section 3. Standing Committees; B. Motion was Seconded.

In discussion and debate, Bustamante moved to amend the motion to add after "There is no maximum number of members on standing committees", **"No individual may limit the number of members submitted by committee chairs on standing committees.** After consultation with Parliamentarian Hathaway, the Speaker determined that the amendment was out of scope of the notice given last month, and for this to be added to the bylaws it needs to be brought forth as a separate notice and question.

Discussion and debate continued on the unamended motion, after which the motion was lost.

- b. Bylaw Amendment: committee chair or designee (Article V: Committees; Section 1. General; F):

President Elect Ortiz moved that Staff Council approve the bylaw Article V: Committees; Section 1. General; F to say: Members of University-wide committees, and the chairpersons of Staff Council committees or their designees shall make monthly reports, first to the Executive Committee and then to the Staff Council. Such reports may be oral or written as directed by the Executive Committee or the Staff Council. Motion was seconded. With unanimous consent the motion was adopted.

X. New Business:

- a. Councilor Faustino moved that all Staff Council meetings be recorded and be publicly posted to the Staff Council's website. Motion was seconded. It was discussed and debated.

President-elect Ortiz moved to amend the motion to read: Staff Council business meetings conducted via Zoom be recorded and the audio/visual portions be publicly posted to the Staff Council's website. Motion was seconded. It was discussed and debated.

Faustino moved to amend the amendment to strike “/visual portions”. Motion was seconded. It was discussed and debated.

Councilor Gallegos moved to postpone to next meeting. Motion was seconded. With unanimous consent, the motion was adopted. The Council will continue discussion and debate at the motion to amend the amendment to strike “/visual portions” at the August meeting.

With no objection, Councilor Comments and Introductions will also be held for the August meeting.

- XI. Meeting adjourned at 3:09 p.m. [Minutes](#) submitted by Amy Hawkins, Staff Council Administrator.**