



REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

October 19, 2021

Zoom

**Members Present:** Jeannie Baca, Sandra Bauman, Angela Beauchamp, Lisa Beauchene-Lawson, Chelsey Begay, Jennifer Benitez, Lorena Blanco-Silva, Sierra Donovan Cushing, Tyson Eakman, Nathanael Faust-Shucker, Mark Fischer, Gilbert Gallegos, Christina Heinemeyer, Gene Henley, Kelsey Higgins, Keith Hitz, Jennifer Kavka, Joseph Lane, Tom Luna, Daniel Maes, Bryn McCabe-Kelly, Rudy Montoya, Stephen Murillo, Amie Ortiz, Cynthia Perez-Chavez, Mary Phibbs, Jason Quinn, Mark Reynolds, Javier Rios, Tony Robinson, Kristina Rucker, Carla Sakiestewa, Scott Sanchez, Yadéeh Sawyer, Jessica Serna, Jessica Stanton, Jennifer Trujillo, Brian Vineyard

**Members Excused:** Armando Bustamante, Angela Catena, Grace Faustino, Evelyn Fleming-Cavit, Karen Lopez, Teya Nguyen, Ivan Olay, Ignacio Ortiz, Nancy Shane, Gina Urias-Sandoval, Tracy Wenzl, Winton Wood

**Members Absent:** Albert Arocha, Felicia Chavez, Joni Roberts, John Shaski, Prince Thomas

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

- I. **Call to Order:** Secretary Hawkins called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.
- II. **Roll Call:** Hawkins called roll of members and quorum was established.
- III. **Appointment of Chair Pro Tem:** With unanimous consent, grade-at-large representative Sierra Cushing was appointed Chair (or Speaker) Pro Tem for this meeting.
- IV. **Approve Agenda:** With unanimous consent, the agenda was approved with amendments.
- V. **Land Acknowledgement:** The Land Acknowledgement was read by Councilor Stanton.
- VI. **Approve Minutes:** With unanimous consent, the minutes from September 21, 2021 were approved with amendments.
- VII. **Reports:**
  - a. President's Report: Submitted via email. In addition, Sanchez updated the council about his recent meeting with administration and regents; he then spoke about different events and fundraisers coming up soon through Alumni and Staff Council. He then offered his assistance with anything any councilor may be working on.
  - b. Executive Committee Report: Submitted via email.
  - c. Treasurer's Report: Submitted via email.
  - d. Committee Reports
    - i. Rules and Elections: Submitted via email.
    - ii. Ethics: Submitted via email.
    - iii. Communications & Marketing: Submitted via email.
    - iv. Councilor Feedback. Councilor Ortiz spoke about the Councilor Feedback Survey sent out earlier today, and encouraged those who have not yet, to submit their feedback.
    - v. Government Relations. Submitted by email. In addition, Kavka spoke about the slide presentation by Dr. Barbara Damron at their last meeting and offered to send it out to anyone interested. Then Kavka spoke about the Capital projects initiative, promoted the committee, and invited councilors to join.
    - vi. HSCSC: Submitted via email.

- vii. Rewards and Recognition: Submitted via email. In addition, Lane highlighted today's Staff Council news for the Honoring Essential Staff, and reminded councilors that nominations for Gerald May are now open; Lane also spoke about a Brown bag session, Transgender 101, they are currently working on.
- viii. Staff Success: Submitted via email. In addition, Faust-Shuker updated the council about the Staff as Students event happening on November 1<sup>st</sup>, and reminded councilors that staff unable to attend in person may email per instructions on the flyer and news post.
- ix. University-wide committee reports submitted via email:
  - 1. Parking Advisory
  - 2. Faculty Staff Benefits Committee (FSBC)

**VIII. New Business:**

- a. Notice of Bylaw amendments: Councilor Beauchamp spoke about establishing a Permanent Standing Committee, and then gave notice on two bylaw amendment proposals:
  - 1. Article III: Officers; Section 6. Speaker; C: Appoint chairs and members to Staff Council committees **as received from the Committee on Committees**, in consultation with the Executive Committee and with approval of the Staff Council but is not a member of any standing committee.
  - 2. Article V: Committees; Section 1. General; B. **As received from the Committee on Committees**, and with Staff Council approval, the Speaker appoints the chairs and members of Staff Council committees. Chairs and members will serve a one-year term but may serve successive terms. **Committees may choose co-chairs, or two people, to share the work of leading a committee. The Committee on Committees is made up of the Chairs of each Standing Committee, with the Speaker as an ex-officio, non-voting advisor and representative of the Executive Committee.**

**IX. Information Items**

- a. Councilor Comments: Sanchez spoke about all the events and work the committees and council are getting done; and commended everyone for their work.
- b. Nuts & Bolts: Ethics Committee. Councilor Rucker, Murillo, and Vineyard presented on the Ethics Committee charge, the Staff Council Code of Ethics, Civility and Respect, and how to handle constituent concerns as it relates to the Staff Council Code of Ethics.

- X. Notice given:** President Elect Ortiz gave notice of a proposed bylaw amendment: Article V: Committees: Section 2. Permanent Standing Committees; D: Committee of Chairs 1. The Committee of Chairs will be chaired by the Speaker and is charged with approving the yearly committee membership appointments presented to the full Staff Council by the Speaker.

- XI. Meeting adjourned at 1:44 p.m. [Minutes](#) submitted by Amy Hawkins, Staff Council Administrator.**