

## SBS Staff Council Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2002

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Douglass 102

### Attendees:

Yolanda Becerra, Linguistics; Luise Betterton, Medieval/Reformation Studies; Martha Castleberry, Judaic Studies; Lupita Cruz, SW Studies Center; Elizabeth Dyckman, CMES; Dirk Harris, Anthropology; Vickey Healey, Political Science; Nova Hinrichs, Cognitive Science; Debbie Jackson, Philosophy; Lauren Johnson, Women's Studies; Cynthia Likewise, SBS Administration; Beth Marlatt, Near Eastern Studies; Veronica Peralta, Latin American Area Center; Debbie Petrich, Sociology; Maria Rodriguez, BARA; Victoria Villareal, SIROW; Carey Willits, Communication; Kimberley Young, Mexican American Studies

### Absent:

Justin Beltran, Psychology; Kris Hogeboom, Sch of Info Resources & Library Sci; Young-Gie Min, SBSRI; Sylvia Quintero, Journalism; Rhoda Ray, Geography; History Department representative TBA

Chair Yolanda Becerra called the meeting to order.

Secretary Beth Marlatt sent around the attendance sheet and asked for any changes or corrections to the minutes from February 27. The minutes were approved with no corrections.

Co-Chair Dirk Harris outlined the meeting ground rules.

Summary of Awards Write-up (results): Yolanda Becerra announced the results of the SAC email vote as follows: It was a no vote of 67% to 33% against breaking down the staff awards according to pay grade. It was a yes vote of 52% to 48% in favor of including an award for the best SBS staff "Team".

The SBS Staff Awards Committee requested suggestions for a theme for the staff awards. Spring was approved for the theme.

Staff Dean's Search representative Elizabeth Dyckman reported that the Dean's search committee has narrowed the field to eight candidates. They will meet this coming Thursday to decide which candidates will be invited for campus interviews to be held in April.

Elizabeth asked the Staff Council if we would like to meet over lunch with the candidates, as well as having an all-staff forum, including a question and answer period with the candidates. Yolanda Becerra stated that Diana Archangeli (of the Dean's Search Committee) had asked the Council to choose whether we'd like to meet over lunch, at the public forum or have selected individuals meet with the candidates. The Council voted to

schedule a lunch meeting in addition to the all-staff candidate forum. Yolanda will pass the information on to Diana Archangeli. Units whose SAC representatives are unable to attend (dates and times have not yet been set) lunch were asked to make this opportunity available to an alternate staff member from their unit.

Secretary Beth Marlatt presented an overview of the results from the, “Top 3 Staff Concerns,” survey. Yolanda Becerra explained that we will focus on all of the top concerns in the coming weeks. The first of which is “communication”. Dirk Harris handed out a summary of the communication solutions that had been solicited via the SBS\_Staff email listserv.

The Council broke out into brainstorming groups to discuss communication solutions. The results of the brainstorming will be compiled by Yolanda Becerra and discussed at the next SAC meeting on March 27.

Co-Chair Dirk Harris called for agenda items for the March 27 meeting. Agenda items will include a focus on communication solutions, a Dean’s Search update and an SBS Staff Awards Committee report.

Meeting was adjourned.