

SBS Staff Council Meeting Minutes

March 27, 2002

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. , Douglass 102

Attendees:	Yolanda Becerra, Linguistics	Cynthia Likewise, SBS Administration
	Luise Betterton, Medieval/Reformation Studies	Beth Marlatt, Near Eastern Studies
	Martha Castleberry, Judaic Studies	Young-Gie Min, SBSRI
	Lupita Cruz, SW Studies Center	Veronica Peralta, Latin American Area Center
	Elizabeth Dyckman, CMES	Debbie Petrich, Sociology
	Dirk Harris, Anthropology	Rhoda Ray, Geography
	Vickie Healey, Political Science	Maria Rodriguez, BARA
	Nova Hinrichs, Cognitive Science	Carey Willits, Communication
	Debbie Jackson, Philosophy	Kimberley Young, Mexican American Studies
	Lauren Johnson, Women's Studies	
Absent:	Justin Beltran, Psychology	Victoria Villareal, SIROW
	Kris Hogeboom, Sch of Info Resources & Library Sci	History Department representative TBA
	Sylvia Quintero, Journalism	

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 March 13 minutes. The minutes were approved with no corrections.

Co-Chair Dirk Harris outlined the meeting ground rules.

Elizabeth Dyckman, staff representative to the Dean Search committee reported that the committee would meet tomorrow. After the meeting, the names of the search finalists will be released. Campus interviews for the candidates will be scheduled on Monday-Tuesdays and Thursday-Fridays. Please be sure to complete the feedback questionnaire provided at the time and place of the meeting with the candidates.

It was suggested that staff attend more than one forum to get a feel for the congruity in Dean Candidate responses to questions.

The group decided to provide a copy of the top three staff concerns to each candidate, omitting departments and individuals' names.

Yolanda will send out a summary of Dean Candidate questions gathered through our email request and Elizabeth's requests to staff for questions. Please respond with your top 10 selections for dean candidate questions.

Elizabeth expressed a desire to obtain letters of recommendation from the staff of the Dean candidates. The group was enthusiastic and supportive of this type of inquiry.

Department Heads have been instructed to give staff release time for the candidate forums.

Yolanda Becerra announced that the SAC leadership, herself, Dirk Harris and Beth Marlatt would meet with Interim Dean Charles Hurt tomorrow to review: 1) SAC accomplishments; 2) see if he feels we are on track with the direction of the group; and 3) inquire about any new directions he would like us to focus on.

Next, the group considered a list of non-SBS staff to serve on the SBS Staff Awards selection committee. After much discussion, an anonymous vote was taken. The Dean's office will send letters of invitation to staff receiving the top three most votes. If one or more should decline to serve, staff with the next most votes will be solicited.

A suggestion was made to award the judges some token of appreciation. Discussion followed.

Staff Awards luncheon door prize eligibility was revisited. At our last meeting, the SAC voted to allow non-SBS staff to receive door prizes. After receiving some strong sentiment against this decision, the SAC again discussed this issue. After some discussion, the old vote was rescinded. A motion was made to allow only SBS staff door prize eligibility and the motion was carried.

Yolanda Becerra passed out a survey to each member requesting feedback and suggestions on things like the types of recognition awards the council might create, how members feel the council and its leadership are doing, whether the members are interested in serving on particular committees and how we might make our group more effective.

Dirk Harris called for agenda items for our next meeting. Agenda items include an update report on the Dean search, discuss the first candidate, a report on the SAC leadership's meeting with Interim Dean Hurt, and a discussion of results from the survey just passed out.

Meeting was adjourned.