Members Present: Dennis Coplen, Meredith Coplen, Debra Cortinas (Ex-Officio), Carrie Coursey, Karen Cullinan, Shawn Elizondo, Ronnie Emanuel, Valerie Gibbons, Jacqueline Hamilton, Cindy Hanson, Judy Harral, Tiffany Hearne, Rachel Kirk, Patrick Larkin (Ex-Officio), Sara Lopez, Betty Mounts, Gaylen Nuckols, Christopher Palfreyman, Jonathan Payne, Ruby Pollard, John (JP) Regalado, Nora Sai, Leslee Schauer (Ex-Officio), Karol Stewart, Derek Vest, Jennifer Weir

Members Absent: Kathryn Funk Baxter (Advisor)


I. Call to Order
Meeting was called to order at 3:02 by Sara Lopez.

II. Guest Speaker - Reggie Wade
- There are no more 10% discounts for Faculty Staff. It is now a new plan, 30 meals for $216.28 that is taken out by payroll deduction of $54.07 beginning October 1st. Deadline to submit for payroll deduction is September 24th, 2014
- The Dining Hall and one other new location of Chicken Grill in CI is open as well as the previous locations of Einstein Brothers in Island Hall, Outtakes in Bay Hall, Bottom Line Café in Michael and Karen O’Connor Building, Starbucks in Faculty Center, and Subway in the Library
- Wade is working on getting Meal Trade working for Faculty and Staff as well as the Block plan members. Currently it is open only to residential members.
- Mail Services in FC now accepting outgoing only UPS mail for students. UPS will still pick up business related mail from departments as well.
- UC will be open in Spring 2015. The Commons area, which will be called the Cove and will include Chick-fil-a, Pizza Hut, Panda Express and possibly a Grill 165 concept.
- App on Campus can be downloaded for smart devices to see meals of the day for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.
- The Shore room in the Dining Hall can be reserved during non-peak hours.

III. Vice-President’s Report
- Faculty Senate met on Friday September 19th.
- Ana Billeaux talked about the International Student Services, 4 members that assist almost 600 students.
- Margaret Dechant, Associate Vice President For Enrollment Management, updated enrollment numbers for Fall 2014 which is 11,256 students.
- Patrick Larkin indicated that this year’s Convocation was very good and many of the faculty members agreed.

IV. President’s Report – Sara Lopez
Ronnie Emanuel is welcomed. She replaced a representative that left the University. 

Staff that have passed away will be honored in the May faculty/staff meeting with a moment of silence.

J.P. Regalado will be working with his committee on the YouTube videos of “Why I work here.”

One time merit increases will be received in December for anyone employed before September 1, 2013 and has above average performance.

State Employee Charitable Campaign is being handled by the Employee Excellence Committee.

Momentum 20/20 has mentioned a few goals which the Staff Council is already working on.

A question arose about the representative for the Staff Council that is appointed from the Art Museum of South Texas, because that person had been employed for less than a year. The representative is able to stay on the Staff Council and the Bylaws and Constitution committee will work on making it clear.

Pens are being sold for Bosses Day.

Any ideas for the newsletter please let Cathy know.

All staff members are encouraged to wear blue/green on Fridays.

V. Treasurer’s Report
- Reports for July and August were sent to Council for review on September 19, 2014. The treasurer’s report was approved as written. Motion made by John (JP) Regalado and seconded by Betty Mounts

VI. Historian’s Report
- No report

VII. Approval of Minutes
- Motion was made by Jacqueline Hamilton and seconded by Nora Sai to accept the minutes of August 19, 2014 with corrections.

VIII. Old Business
- Goals for the year was covered in the President’s Report.

IX. Committee Reports
- Benefits and Employee Development – JP Regalado –
  o No report
- Bylaws and Constitution –
  o Met and discovered the language to be unclear regarding membership for the South Texas Arts Institute. It was decided that the representative from STAI should stay this year and edits will be made to the Bylaws. Any other changes will follow the bylaws process.
- Nominations and Elections –
University Relations –
  Four Events will commence.
    Break in the Day is November 5th and has a fall theme.
    Friday November 21st is the Islander Lights from 5:30-6:30 with a celebration in the CI courtyard.
    Administrative Professionals Day Celebration is coming in April.
    Late May early June will be another Break in the Day.
  The Committee decided that Kudos should only go out to staff members and not to contract based employees.
  When staff are nominated, the President of the Staff Council will send an e-mail to their supervisor.
  All nominees will be placed in an honor roll list at the end of the year which will be in the summer newsletter.

Dorothy Yeater –
  Boss’s Day is October 16, 2014. Pens are being sold for boss’s day. Please pass around the flyers that were sent out. Committee will need help distributing pens.

Employee Excellence –
  Committee stuffed envelopes for SECC. Cindy Hanson is working on getting volunteers. Committee had some question on where proceeds from the Pizza Rama sale should go so the matter was taken to Executive Council. Executive Council and the committee agreed the best solution was for the money to go to the TAMU-CC Foundation. It was motioned by Rachael Kirk and seconded by Cindy Hanson to give the proceeds to the TAMUCC Foundation.

X. University Committee Reports
- Calendar Committee –
  No report
- Committees on Committees –
  No report
- Community Outreach –
  No report
- Environmental Health & Safety Council –
  Will have a report next meeting
- Faculty Senate –
  No report
- I-Adapt-
  No report
- Inclusive Excellence –
  There is a webpage link at the bottom of homepage labeled “Diversity.” Working on making university transparent, and thinking of additional diversity and activities. There was some discussion that perhaps every department should have the link in their webpage and to provide the link in the newsletter.
- International Education Council-
  No report
- Strategic Planning and Continuous Improvement Council -
  No report
• Student Success and Retention Committee –  
  o No report
• Parking and Transportation Committee –  
  o No report
• University Center & Student Activities Advisory Council –  
  o No report
• Veteran’s Affairs Committee –  
  o No report
• Recreational Sports–  
  o No report

XI. New Business
• During the Islander Forums, Leslee talked during lunch about “Ways to Increase Inclusive Excellence/Friendliness on Campus.” This helps align with the goals of Momentum 20/20. Suggestions were asked for and wearing of name tags was the biggest suggestion. Later there will be Banner/Argos training and an advanced Outlook training. More information will come in the October newsletter.
• Rachel Kirk our Historian stated that “I” drive has eight years of information on there. Five years of the information will be placed on LaserFiche and every year LaserFiche will be updated with another year.

XII. Good of the Order
• Carrie Coursey passed around paper ballots to vote on four people that would get a kudos mug. Those four were Drew Cantwell with Recreational Sports, Mary Canales with Human Resources, Lily Gonzalez with Sandpiper, and Liz Atkinson with UC Services. Karen Pressley was recommended via e-mail and will also receive a kudos mug.
• Derek Vest will contact Roy Dilks for more information about the parking garage limitations.
• Karol Stewart-Family Fun Day for September 28, 2014. New exhibits at the Art Museum of South Texas: “Deep in the Art of Texas” and “Rock and Roll Photography” both opening on September 27.
• Judy Harral—David Davila accepted a new position at Del Mar College. His last day is Thursday, September 25, 2014
• Debra Cortinas-Islander Job Process to be upgraded early November. During the last two weeks in October HR will refrain from posting new jobs. Training for the new Islander Jobs will be late October to early November.
• Campus Announcements for the Affordable Care Act. Students should not work more than 30 hours per week. Questions and answers will be in November.

XIII. Meeting Adjournment
There being no further business, Meredith Coplen made a motion and Cindy Hanson seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 4:16 PM.