Debrief of the Staff Council Meeting
Tuesday, 5 March 2019

Vice Chair Heather Guenat presided over the meeting. Rebecca Nall acted as Secretary.

Guest Speakers:
**Director of Media Communications, Tonya Hudson introduced Ignite.** Ignite will merge all platforms into one central online source and streamline the processes. Staff Council discussed the best methods for getting staff to invest in the process.

**New Business**
Staff Council Exec Nominations- The Nominating committee is comprised of Lamar Bryant, Angela Ucci, Vikki Patterson, and John Lowe. They are soliciting names for the Staff Council executive positions of Secretary or Chair Elect. If you are interested in serving, email John Lowe.

New Member Elections Slate- Rebecca Nall introduced the list of nominees that have been vetted through HR. Amy Rylander from Academic Affairs accepted her nomination this morning and was added to the slate. A staff-wide email will be sent out in early April for the election period to begin.

**Committee Reports**
**STEPP Luncheon-** Reminder that the next STEPP Luncheon it is on Thursday April 18th from 12-1 pm. A reminder will be sent out next week.

**Service-** Staff Council is considering forming a Staff Council Stepping Out team. A food drive benefiting Pack of Hope may be integrated with the upcoming STEPP Luncheon.

**Treasurer and Scholarship-** Total Gifts: $55,233.45. Outstanding Pledges: $720.00 through 2/28/2019 for the Staff Endowed Scholarship Fund.

**Bookstore Advisory-** This group discussed the upcoming improvements to the bookstore. They're going to put umbrellas and tables out by the bear pit and add a door on that side to encourage people to stay. The bookstore offers Buy Back option which donates price matches to a scholarship fund. The bookstore would like to encourage students not to buy books from Amazon, but rather keep the money at Baylor. The price match is offered for purchased books, not rentals.

**Libraries/ITS-** The Libraries and ITS Advisory Council (LITSAC) met on Feb. 13. Sole presenter was Dr. Sandy Bennett with an update on Baylor’s online programs. Essentially, what remains the same is Baylor’s intent to launch more graduate online degree programs. What has changed with the current...
administration is the desire to hand off much of the work to OPMs (Online Program Management). Going forward, options include buying out OPM contracts or letting some expire and handle the work.

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