

***Staff Council General Meeting Minutes
Sam Houston State University
November 13, 2019***

I. Call To Order

Natalie Payne called the meeting to order at 1:32pm.

II. Reading/Approval of Minutes – Natalie Payne

The October 9th meeting minutes were emailed to members on November 5th. No

attend is welcome; we will gather at 2:00pm in the Building & Landscape office off Sycamore by the animal shelter. Joe also stated that nominations are getting a bit thin and asked members to please submit suggestions for more nominations.

Nominations and Elections: Megan Hobbs-Barrett

Megan reported that there was no new business. The committee is currently preparing for January elections. Natalie asked Kristin to send out the new member pamphlet for review with the meeting minutes from today.

Special Events: Candace Prater & Benjamin Cantu

Candi reminded everyone of our upcoming People & Pets event which was rescheduled for next week due to possible inclement weather. She will resend the volunteer sheet in case members need to adjust their times. Candi and Benji reported that Spooktacular was a great success and thanked everyone who came out to help. The results received from the survey were also very positive. As a result of the survey, Candi and Benji may propose a few changes for next year, including an earlier start time for the costume contest and a timed activity participants can have fun with while at their tables, possibly a pumpkin carving. Michelle also thanked everyone for their generosity; we received an overwhelming amount of food and toys for SAAFE House.

Staff Development: Haley Rothrock

Nikki Stifflemire reported on behalf of Haley Rothrock. Nikki reported that we had a great turnout for Hot Topics in Higher Education with Natalie's Office 365 presentation. She reminded everyone about the call for proposals which recently went live and asked the members to spread the word for good presenters and topics. Max Walling will be our Keynote speaker for PDC 2020.

Staff Affairs: Dana Van De Walker

Natalie Payne reported on behalf of Dana Van De Walker. The committee is currently reviewing the results of their walkabouts. However, they did notice several missing "no smoking" signs and noted several areas where additional signage could be applied. We are looking into the possibility of bringing in a guest speaker for our initiative; this plan will be reevaluated following the upcoming anti-vaping seminar scheduled for Huntsville High School.

VI. Old Business: Updates, Discussion, or Action

No old business was presented.

VII. New Business: Updates, Discussion, or Action

Megan Richardson reported that the ELEVATE team is currently preparing for their next big event in the Spring, details to follow. She has received inquiries about forming a walking group. Megan asked anyone interested to please let her know.

