Minutes of Staff Council
Tuesday, March 18, 2014
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Wittliff Collection – 7th floor of Alkek Library

Attendees: Janell Laca, Sandra Brooks, Mark Burrow, Valerie Creveling, Noemi Govea, Jessica Henry, Amy Hilton, Sonya Kraus, Alison Mott, Marcus Pacheco, Scott Plough, Paul Prince, Jodi Torrez, Denise Wagner

Absentees: Noragene Green, Kevin Gilley, Judy Herington, Xavier Lopez, Ricardo Mendez, Ryan McAfee, Meghan Parker, Elizabeth Ramos, Darrell Robinson, Carol Workman, Martin Zavala

Guests: David Coleman, Juan Guerra, and Matt Peters

Call to Order and Welcome:
Staff Council Chair, Janell Laca, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Told us that Megan Parker had a baby boy and Ashley Ransom has gotten a new position outside of the University. She then turned over the floor over to David Coleman of the Wittliff Collection

Wittliff Collection

David Coleman is the Director of the Wittliff Collection. We were in the multi-purpose room surrounded by beautiful photographs. The Wittliff Collection is located on the 7th floor of the Alkek Library and has 3 exhibits spaces which house different exhibits. The rooms are available for meetings, classes, speakers and book signings. He let us know that the biggest contributions were from Bill and Sally Wittliff, not just their personal collections but also people they know and work with have given items to collections. Bill was following in J Frank Dobie’s footsteps in trying to preserve the Texas culture for future generations through photographs, books, art and movies. He told us about the On Line Exhibitions he gave us a quick virtual of the Lonesome Dove collection, Sham Shepard, Ashes of Waco and few others. They have Traveling Exhibitions, Russell Lee, Rocky Schenck Photographs, Animalerie to name a few, which can be booked by other universities galleries and museums. They have the largest Texas Monthly collection. They have some collections that are stored in archives but can be reserved to research by contacting the Wittliff Collection office. David then gave us time to walk through some of the exhibits they had on display like the Lonesome Dove exhibit.

We Thanked Mr. Coleman for the presentation and he dismissed us to browse around. After a 10 minute browsing session we reconvened in the all-purpose room. Janell introduced the next speaker Juan Guerra.

Loop 82 Construction

Juan Guerra is the AVP for Facilities; he had a map of the Loop 82 construction that will impact traffic flow on University drive starting next January. This is a 33 million dollar construction project. Basically they are going to create a bridge over the railroad tracks by Bobcat Stadium so that emergency crews can get to this part of town without having to stop for a train. It will also have a feeder road that will zigzag under the bridge to give access to Post road and the stadium. While doing this the construction crew will have to narrow the traffic in to one lane each way at certain times during the construction. The University is working with the city to make sure that on high volume traffic events such as home games, graduation etc., there should be 2 lanes open going both ways. There will be changes to traffic flow coming in to the stadium, post road and the parking lot between Bobcat Stadium and Strahan. For this project utility lines will be moved, Post Road will be permanently altered, parking spaces will be lost in 2 lots and a fence will be erected along the Rail Road track. They will also install sidewalks.
We thanked Mr. Guerra for all the wonderful information and then we all sat down and Janell introduced Matt Peters.

**Athletics Bobcat Club**

Matt Peters explained the Bobcat Club and its perks. The money raised by the Bobcat club goes to sponsor scholarships for athletes. He told us that if we join the Bobcat Club that this counts toward participation for staff giving program. He talked about their biggest event the Bobcat Bonanza this year it is call Gala on the Gridiron. It will be an event on the football field under a giant tent. He gave us all a beautiful invitation. That contained the information about the event. There will be a Golf Tournament and then a Dinner and Auction all on Saturday May 3rd. If you are interesting in the prices and other information please contact the Bobcat Club at bobcatclub@txstate.edu or 512-245-2114.

We thanked him for is time and then Janell introduced the last speaker Mark Burros.

**TSIE Conversation Partner Program**

12:00 Adjournment

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