



## Elected Representative Bodies

The University of Texas-Pan American  
Committees and Councils Project

### Staff Senate

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#### Purpose

The Staff Senate is a representative body through which eligible staff members may make recommendations to the President relative to interests, concerns, and issues that affect the staff of the University. The Senate may make recommendations on general policies but does not act on individual issues. The Senate shall endeavor to keep staff members informed about issues and activities affecting them and, in turn, keep the President advised of staff needs and interests.

#### Members

Joe Angulo	Technical/Skilled	6/2010
Mary Barrera	Technical/Skilled	6/2011
LuAnn Gernentz	Technical/Skilled	6/2010
Gloria Salazar	Technical/Skilled	6/2011
Larry Thompson	Technical/Skilled	6/2011
Patty Espinoza	Clerical/Secretarial	6/2010
Yvonne Galan	Clerical/Secretarial	6/2010
Maria Teresa Jaramillo	Clerical/Secretarial	6/2010
Araceli Tobin	Clerical/Secretarial	6/2011
Mary Ybarra	Clerical/Secretarial	6/2010
Aaron Dean Bell	Professional	6/2011
Celeste Cavazos	Professional	6/2011
Arlene Gorena	Professional	6/2010
Carolyn Hannah	Professional	6/2010
Arturo Ramos	Professional	6/2010
Bryan Smith	Division of President's Office	6/2011
Yolanda Martinez	Division of Enrollment & Student Services	6/2010
Maria Ernestina Rivera	Division of Business Affairs	6/2011
Mary Lou Cano	Division of University Advancement	6/2010
Maria G. Rodriguez	Division of Academic Affairs	6/2011
Michael Sandoval	Division of Information Technology	6/2010
Ismael Delgado	Division of Community Engagement	6/2011

#### Officers

Mary Lou Cano, Chair  
Patty Espinoza, Vice Chair  
Bryan Smith, Parliamentarian  
Yvonne Galan, Secretary/Treasurer

## Responsibilities

The individual senators are responsible to the staff members they represent. They are to be available to their constituents and shall publicize how they can be contacted. They shall be willing to listen to staff concerns, to receive information and suggestions, and to communicate these effectively to the Senate. In turn, representatives must keep their constituents informed about the work of the Senate and relay matters communicated to the Senate by the Administration.

## Composition and Membership Terms

- Elected members from University non-faculty employees classified under the UT System Employee Classification System representing the following areas:
  - (#) Professional employees
  - (#) Technical/skilled employees
  - (#) Clerical/Secretarial employees
  - Employees from the Division of Academic Affairs
  - Employees from the Division of Business Affairs
  - Employees from the Division of University Advancement
  - Employees from the Division of Enrollment and Student Services
  - Employees from the Division of the President
  - Employees from the Division of Information Technology
- The Senate President, members appointed by the President, and the immediate past president of the Senate shall not vote at Senate meetings.
- (#)One representative is allowed for every 50 members in a job class (professional, clerical/secretarial, technical/skilled). A job class with fewer than 50 members shall be entitled to elect one representative. When the number of that class exceeds a multiple of 50 by at least 26, a class shall be entitled to elect 1 additional representative.

## Reporting

The Staff Senate reports to the President.