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**NEXT STAFF COUNCIL MEETING  
Wed., February 11, 9-11am, ECS 2.102****Letter From  
Staff Council Vice President  
Tricia Losavio****Staff Council  
SUN**A PERIODIC NEWSLETTER FROM THE  
UT DALLAS STAFF COUNCIL

I have been asked to write this edition's letter from the Staff Council. So many topics come into mind, so many get tossed out about as quickly as they enter. First, let me introduce myself. My name is Tricia Losavio and I am the Director of Recreational Sports and the Staff Council Vice President. What's Recreational Sports you ask? Recreational Sports provides students, faculty and staff with opportunities for leisure, fitness and friendly competition. Our department is located in the Activity Center, a 100,000 sq. ft. state of the art recreational facility that just celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> year.

I am always amazed when someone on campus tells me or one of my staff members, that they did not know everything that our department has to offer. In the four years I have been here, we have added a group exercise and personal training program, expanded the club sports and intramural program, and added various non credit courses. Not to mention the large variety of fitness and weight equipment, 4 basketball courts, a multipurpose room, 4 racquetball and 2 squash courts. A few of our special events include the Cardboard Boat Regatta, March Madness Frenzy, Dancin' 4 a Cause, and Dive in Movie. Our philosophy is that we have something for everyone so just Be Active.



The spring semester and the new year brings two things: resolutions and Spring Break. The Activity Center is usually filled with people who have made a resolution to work out more or those that are trying to lose a few pounds to get into "bikini" shape. Before anyone starts a rigorous workout routine I recommend consulting your physician or speaking to one of our personal trainers. We also have a variety of nutritional pamphlets and healthy eating guides. Our staff is trained to assist you with questions on how to use the equipment and provide simple workout routines to help you become more comfortable in the fitness area.

Now let me move on to another topic.

Staff Council provides a service to you the staff. We are your voice on campus, but we cannot voice your opinions if you do not share them with us. The Staff Council meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month at 9 a.m. and are open to everyone. Each building is a part of a district and each district has representatives. The Staff Council website lists upcoming events, programs and services sponsored by the Staff Council and includes a suggestion link. If you have an idea that will help to streamline things on campus or if you are disgruntled about something, tell your representative, fill out a suggestion form or come to a meeting. We want to hear from you.

The Staff Council is subdivided into four committees. The Communications Committee is responsible for the SUN Newsletter, coordinating meet and greets and the fall forum. The Benefits Committee is responsible for reviewing staff members' concerns regarding benefits and awarding staff scholarships. The Staff Development Committee is responsible for reviewing ways in which staff can benefit from training programs for career/professional development. The Fundraising Committee is responsible for creating new ideas/ways to generate money for the Staff Council Staff Scholarships. There are other Ad Hoc committees, such as, the Wellness Committee which provides a variety of wellness tips and programs for the campus community.

As you can see, Staff Council is an integral part of the University. The programs and services I mentioned are just a few among a long list. I encourage you to visit the website; I know you will be amazed at everything we do for you.

I will leave you with two things:

1. Be active and take part in Recreational Sports.
2. Staff Council wants to hear from you, please attend a meeting, visit the website or speak to your representative.

— Tricia Losavio

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

### FEBRUARY 13 STAFF COUNCIL VALENTINE BALLOON & CHOCOLATE SALE!

New this year... In addition to selling red heart-shaped Mylar balloons for Valentine's Day, the Staff Council will also sell Russell Stover 3.5 oz. heart-shaped boxes of chocolates!

You will be able to buy them from staff volunteers walking around campus or at tables set up in most buildings. The sale will be held Friday, February 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Balloons are \$2.50 each and chocolates are \$3.50 per box. Or, you can purchase a special bundle of one balloon and one box of candy for \$5.00! That's a savings of \$1.00. And, what great gifts for those special people in your life!

Watch your email for more information and news about pre-ordering. All proceeds will benefit the Staff Council Staff Scholarship Fund.

### Valentine's Day Concert

**The Dallas Chamber Orchestra will perform Saturday, Feb. 14 at 8 p.m. in Jonsson Performance Hall.**

The program will include *Salut d'Amor* by Edward Elgar, *Serenata* by Enrico Toselli, *Concerto in D Major for guitar and strings* by Antonio Vivaldi and *The Trout Quintet* by Franz Schubert.

**UT Dallas students, faculty and staff with valid UT Dallas ID are admitted FREE of charge.**

\$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors and \$5 for students of other universities. For advance ticket purchases, please call 214-321-1411 or buy online at [www.dallaschamberorchestra.org/tickets.html](http://www.dallaschamberorchestra.org/tickets.html).



## WORRIED ABOUT CAMPUS SECURITY?

Attend a UT Dallas Police  
Dept. Crime Safety lecture  
Thursday, February 5

11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**SU 2.504, Gemini Room**

Info: Kendra Penny, 972-883-2331

The UT Dallas Police Department will be hosting a mini lecture relating to vehicle and personal property security. All faculty, staff and students are welcomed to attend and bring your own bag lunch to enjoy during the presentation.

## FEBRUARY TRAINING CALENDAR

The Training Calendar for February is now online and available for registration. Offerings include:

- Links to Element K online training
- Conducting Annual Performance Reviews
- SPIN Grant Funding Demonstration
- Managers'-Supervisors' Roundtable
- FINS (Financial Information Systems) Training – Level I
- Account Reconciliation Training
- It's Your Annual Review

To learn more about a specific class, please visit [www.utdallas.edu/hrm/training/calendar/February2009.php5](http://www.utdallas.edu/hrm/training/calendar/February2009.php5)

## Staff Appreciation Day for Homecoming

To celebrate Homecoming, UT Dallas staff and their family get **free admission to the basketball games on Saturday, February 7**. Please present your Comet Card to gain admission to the games.

Free hotdogs and soft drinks will be available in the multipurpose room of the Activity Center from 12 to 3. Please make reservations by emailing [presrsvp@utdallas.edu](mailto:presrsvp@utdallas.edu) or calling extension 6259.

Have some refreshments and cheer on the teams on February 7!

# HOMEcoming 2009

## FEBRUARY 2-7

### MONDAY, FEB. 2

#### T-Shirt Exchange:

11 a.m.-2 p.m., Student Union. Trade in a T-shirt from another university or a 10+ gallon bag of gently used clothing to receive a free UT Dallas shirt (while supplies last)! All clothing will be donated to local charities.



### TUESDAY, FEB. 3

#### I ♥ UT Dallas Day

11 a.m.-2 p.m., Student Union Lower Level

I ♥ UT Dallas is an event that promotes heart health among the campus community by providing information on nutrition, exercise, and stress reduction. UT Dallas Dining will provide free samples of healthy options available in the Comet Café. Information on reducing day-to-day stress will also be available. Give-aways include T-shirts, pedometers, stress balls, and raffles for free classes and personal training sessions at the Activity Center.

### WEDNESDAY, FEB. 4

#### Pep Rally & Spirit Show: 7 p.m., Activity Center

UT Dallas power dancers and cheerleaders will lead the campus community in a pep rally. Meet the homecoming court in person.

#### Alumni Night with the Dallas Mavericks:

##### American Airlines Center, 7:30 p.m.

Alumni and their families are invited to a night with the Dallas Mavericks as they play the Portland Trail Blazers. Tickets are available for \$15 per person (regular price of \$19). Tickets are limited so register online to reserve your spot!



### THURSDAY, FEB. 5

#### Basketball Double Header:

##### Activity Center

5:30 p.m. — UTD Women vs. Louisiana College

7:30 p.m. — UTD Men vs. Louisiana College

Join the nationally ranked UT Dallas basketball teams as they battle Louisiana College.

#### Door Decorating Contest

All UT Dallas faculty and staff are invited and encouraged to decorate their doors for Homecoming this year. Winners will be announced at the Women's Basketball Game (5:30 p.m.) at halftime.

#### Powder Puff Football Game

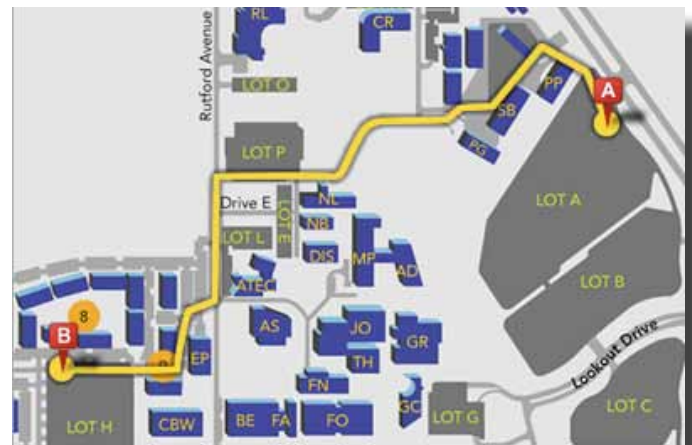
10 p.m.-midnight, Main soccer fields

UT Dallas sorority sisters will take on non-Greek women in a powder puff football game. Come out to meet the homecoming court and see the power dancers perform.

### FRIDAY, FEB. 6

#### Homecoming Parade: 12 noon, begins in Lot A

The annual homecoming parade will wind through the UT Dallas campus. Student organizations and campus departments will decorate floats and perform skits for spectators and judges. Barbeque will be served. Free knit caps will be given away.



### SATURDAY, FEB. 7

#### Basketball Double Header: Activity Center

1 p.m. — UTD Women vs. Mississippi College

3 p.m. — UTD Men vs. Mississippi College

Join the nationally ranked UT Dallas basketball teams as they battle Mississippi College. The Homecoming King and Queen will be announced during halftime.

## Welcome to the New (or reassigned) Employees at UT Dallas!

### OCTOBER 2008

BACON, LINDSEY — Communications Coordinator  
KINNARD, KELLY — Director Physical Plant Services  
HOLMES III, WILLIAM — Engineering Tech. II  
CONTRERAS-GUERRERO, ROCIO — Research Scientist  
ALVAREZ, JOSE — Groundskeeper II FM  
WILSON, MICHELLE — Director of Sponsored Projects  
RAY, MATTHEW — Degree Plan Evaluator I  
COLLINS, SEAN — Facility Supervisor  
TURNER, HOLLY — Administrative Assistant II  
XIONG, KA — Research Associate  
CONLEY, AARON — Vice President for Development  
JAMES-DORSEY, REGINA — Resume Editor  
MA, DONG MEI — Laboratory Helper  
SHATZ, LISA — Program Manager  
KOMAEI, ARASH — Research Associate  
RODRIGUEZ, LUIS — Maintenance Worker III  
SUN, CE — Research Technician II  
CANKAYA, HAKKI CANDAN — Research Associate  
MASON, EBONY — Child Development Associate  
HUI, CARMEN KA — Enrollment Services Asst. I  
HUDSON, BOBBY — Police Officer II  
TUTTLE, JENNIFER — Enrollment Serv. Advisor I  
BELLARD, DAMON — Software Sys. Specialist III  
PAPADIMITRATOS, ALEXIOS — Research Associate  
POLZER, SARAH — Degree Plan Evaluator III  
BLAIR, PENELOPE — Human Resources Rep. I  
LEE, LOK MAN WENDY — Computer Programmer I  
SCHROEDER, SUZON — Academic Advisor II  
GAY, TRUDY — Academic Advisor I

### NOVEMBER 2008

HAUSMAN, LEIGH ANN — Computer Systems Technologist  
IMHOF, CONNIE — Administrative Assistant II  
WELLS, KAREN — Administrative Assistant I  
BRITTEN, CALLY — Degree Plan Evaluator III  
HAMPTON, JAIME — Master Clinician  
RODICK, RHIANNON — Police Communications Operator  
DA FONSECA, ALEXANDRE — Research Associate  
KAHLER, MICHAEL — Grounds Maintenance Supervisor  
GREER, CHINWEOLU — Secretary III  
NEAL, DERRICK — Safety Technician II  
BENNETT, KEVYN — Maintenance Worker III  
JARYSZAK, TALIA — Administrative Assistant I  
JORDAN, LEE — Research Assistant I  
MILTEER, RICK — Network Support Specialist I  
PARK, TAEJOO — Research Associate

SHAH, PRASANNA — Research Scientist  
LANTY, K MATTHEW — Electrician III  
DORSEY, TIMOTHY — Lieutenant, University Police  
KO, WEI-JU — Accounting Coordinator

### DECEMBER 2008

BUGG, CHERYL — Grants/Contracts Specialist III  
DILLIN, KYLE — Software Systems Specialist IV  
HAWTHORNE, LAUREN — Library Assist III  
HOPKINS, ROBERT — Compliance Coordinator  
SARPONG, CHARMAINE — Accountant III  
STEPHENS, DONALD — Chief Clerk  
WAGNER, ANDREA — Student Dev. Specialist II  
BATES, JULIE — Administrative Assistant I  
TANG, CHINPEI — Research Associate  
ALLEN, TAMEKA — Degree Plan Evaluator III  
GUTEN, DENNIS — Web Specialist  
JOHNSON, LYNDON — Maintenance Worker II  
MARTINEZ, JOE — Audio-Visual Equip. Tech. III  
SPENCER, JONATHAN — Grants/Contracts Specialist III  
GOLDSMITH, CHRISTOPHER — Software Systems Specialist II  
HOPSON, AMANDA — Police Communications Operator

### JANUARY 2009

KANTER, ELIZABETH — Research Associate  
KARIMIYAN ALIDASH, HOSSEIN — J-I Visiting Lab Assistant  
REESER, JOHN — School Fiscal Officer  
GARDNER, CLAIRE — Research Assistant I  
MEADERS, AMY — Scholarship Coordinator  
REED, AMANDA — Research Associate  
DAGDAG, ADORABLE — Guard, University Police  
HOKANSON, JENNIFER — Medical Typist II  
HUGHETT, SARA — Enrollment Serv. Processor I  
MCCRUMMEN, SANDRA — Guard, University Police  
PACE, TRAVIS — Asst. Director Greek Life Programs  
PADGETT, TIMOTHY — Information Systems Analyst EM  
YU, JING — Research Associate  
BERRY, KENNETH — Assistant Director  
MASON, EBONY — Child Development Associate  
WRIGHT, JAMES — Director, Environmental Health & Safety  
AMIDAR, MONALISA — Asst. Dir. Student Life Programs  
NUNN, MICHELLE — Administrative Assistant II  
RUTH, RAYNA — Enrollment Serv. Advisor II  
CAMPBELL, KESHIA — Director  
MACIEJEWSKI, MARY — Research Associate  
RAO, NEENA — Research Assistant I  
KERSEE, DENEETRA — Academic Advisor II  
BYRD, STEVAN — Groundskeeper III FM  
NUNEZ, ALVINO — Groundskeeper II FM  
GOSSLEE, PAGETT — Director

# MEET STAFF COUNCIL MEMBERS IN DISTRICTS 3, 4 & 5



3 - Kristen Blakely



3 - Colter Fleming



3 - Darlene Coppage



3 - Holly Orozco



3 - Lisa Garza



3 - Loreen Phillips



4 - Carole Abbott



4 - Corina Cantua



4 - Gaby Perkowski



4 - Laurie Brown



4 - Lori Skillestad



4 - Randi Mogul



4 - Tricia Losavio,  
Staff Council VP



5 - Chris Dickson,  
Staff Council President

## Staff Appreciation Day is coming in July 2009...

Do YOU have any ideas?

Do YOU have a hidden talent?

**Let us know...**

Email: [jlpatter@utdallas.edu](mailto:jlpatter@utdallas.edu)

Judy Patterson, Chairperson

Staff Development Committee

Not pictured - District 5  
James Barnes  
Kris Paulk  
Patrice Holt  
Carol Lanham  
Tom Lee

Brought to you by the  
Staff Council Communications Committee

Tommi Ivey, chair	Michelle Long, vice chair
Metta Alsobrook	Corina Cantua, secretary
Laurie Brown	Patrice Holt
Holly Orozco	Loreen Phillips
	Lin Maute
	Brenda Seifi

[www.utdallas.edu/staffcouncil](http://www.utdallas.edu/staffcouncil)

### About the UT Dallas Staff Council

The Staff Council is an advisory body through which eligible staff members can convey information and make recommendation to the President regarding interests and concerns of the University staff. The Staff Council is constituted by the President with the goal of continually improving University operations and the well-being of UT Dallas' employees. The Staff Council addresses matter of general concern to the UT Dallas community and, in particular, to members of the UT Dallas staff, and is not intended to supplant existing procedures for addressing individual grievances.