

NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT ORGANIZATION
MEETING MINUTES FOR 10-24-2006

The second meeting of the year officially began at 1:45p.m. on 10-24-2006. All officers were in attendance with the exception of Debra Clifton who could not make it.

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS:

The first order of business was to vote on the new logo for the Non-Traditional Student Organization. The graphic artist from student activities designed several different versions of the logo. The first version had the organization name in Greek letters, the second version was in Arial typeface, and the third version was in Times Roman typeface. We took a vote and the group decided that the official logo would be the design using the Times Roman typeface.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS:

We announced that Dr. Bernice Strauss has agreed to be a new advisor for NTSO. With the situation of President John Fennessy stepping down, we needed to take a vote to elect new officers to positions. There was a shift in ranking by officers, and Angi Bremkamp ran as President, Jen Hullinger as Vice-President, and Andrea Woodlief decided to run as Business Manager. We held the election at the meeting rather than through the listserv, and the vote was unanimous for all officers elected in each position. Debra Clifton remained as the secretary.

OTHER ORDERS OF BUSINESS:

We were very pleased with the turnout at this meeting. The vote over the listserv about the meeting time was successful. We decided as a group to vote on this being the official meeting time for the Fall Semester of 2006. The vote was unanimous that the meetings would be held on a Tuesday of each month, from 1:45p.m. until 3p.m. The next step was to take a vote to change the meeting time, and procedure for determining the meeting time, in the constitution. The vote was unanimous again and the constitution was edited to reflect the changes. We also decided to ask the group what they would like to see happen with the organization. The students in attendance at the meeting said that they would like to see more social events with the organization, including events that are family oriented. We discussed the upcoming Bearkat Alley Tailgate, which we decided to have on parent's weekend 10/28/2006. Donations made at the Tailgate will go toward refreshments purchased for the NTSO meetings. John Fennessy volunteered to let us borrow his grill, and we asked the group if anyone else would like to come forward and assist with the tailgate set-up and the cooking. Each officer volunteered to be in attendance at the tailgate, and we had one other member of NTSO volunteer to help as well.

We also discussed having a holiday party in December, and a Spring Fling Dance during March or April. The group decided that they wanted to keep the holiday party as simple as possible, but have a really extravagant dance during the spring semester for the non-traditional students. We decided to use the new "Campus Life" funding to try to gain fundraising for the event, and we will need volunteers during the spring semester to help prepare the powerpoint presentation for the dance before the "Campus Life" funding committee. We will also need students volunteering to help with organizing the event and decorating the Lowman Student Center Ballroom. The students were very excited about the organization having such an event, and we hope that it will be a good opportunity for NTSO to be recognized at SHSU and to gain new members to the organization. Vinessa Mundorff, an advisor for NTSO, volunteered to be the babysitter at the event so members of NTSO can bring their children. We will dedicate a room in the Lowman Student Center with a television and DVD player for the children, and there will be pizza and juice for the children to have for dinner. There will also be games and toys for the children. Again, we were very pleased with the turnout and participation at this meeting. We also discussed the possibility of bringing the organization more online and explained that the chat room and second listserv were created during the previous year simply to allow for the members of NTSO who absolutely cannot participate to be a part of the organization and build new friendships. Discussions were chosen at random to spark an interest in the organization and to test the online participation. Our next meeting will be on 11-14-2006 from 1:45p.m.-3p.m.

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