

Over the past year, the Staff Senate has raised concerns with the insurance health assessment, including the security of personal information submitted by participants. The campus administration assisted in communicating and addressing these concerns to the System Office. Changes were implemented to correct deficiencies.

The Staff Senate hosted a candidates' reception prior to the general election in November and has been monitoring activities by the Legislature that apply to staff and the University in general.

In November, the Staff Senate discussed with Facilities Management changes that impacted employees as a result of that department's response to the Inclement Weather Policy.

The Staff Senate has contributed to University's Self-Study.

The Staff Senate participated in the Human Resources Health and Benefits Fair in November.

The Staff Senate recognized Employees of the Quarter and the Employees of the Year for the year of 2006. The selection of Employees of the Quarter for 2007 is ongoing.

The Staff Senate has recognized the employees who have completed degrees in 2006.

The Staff Senate awarded employee scholarships in May of 2006 and is currently beginning the process for 2007.

The Staff Senate is in the process of moving our Elections from paper ballots to an electronic ballot system modeled on the ASG's online election process. This effort will also include Computing Services staff and Senators performing an outreach campaign on campus to assist employees with activating their IDs, if it is the first time they have used them, and introducing them to available tools, like email and self-serve functions in WebBASIS.

The Staff Senate has revised the Senate By-Laws. Among these revisions are changes to the Finance Committee to provide more continuity in their knowledge-base of operations and changes to the elections of officers to provide for a smoother transition each year.

The Staff Senate is currently looking at the Sudan divestment issue and the issue of benefits for domestic partners.

The Staff Senate is working vigorously on the final elements of the Staff Senate Picnic scheduled for May 18, 2007.

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Staff Senate Chair 2007