

STAFF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date: September 20, 2007
Present: Barb Bassett, Clara Blakely, Vicky Dawson, Dan Getty, Annette Holt,
Crystal Pepperdine, Debi Rowden, Jennifer Swank
Absent: Sandra Johnson, Doritta McDaniel
Guests: Mary Jo Finney, Sandy Alberto

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by C. Pepperdine at 10:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the August meeting were presented and approved for posting on the web site.

AGENDA ITEMS

Budget Report – C. Pepperdine reported that there have been no expenditures to date. Expenditures will soon begin for the November Birthday Club and the Holiday Gathering. Discussion began regarding the Chair Stipend, but the committee agreed to table the discussion until the next meeting.

TCLT – The Director of the Thompson Center for Learning and Teaching (TCLT), Mary Jo Finney, spoke to the group about her vision for teaching and learning—it's not compartmentalized—staff has a role. She invited staff to the Student Academic Success Summit on October 19th along with the book talks. Several staff council members suggested ways that the TCLT can reach out to the staff assembly: via email; making the role of staff clear; explaining why it benefits/impacts/interests staff; creating awareness academically across campus to present a seamless web of services; creating mutual respect and understanding. C. Pepperdine suggested that if staff need release time to attend, they should contact M. Finney.

Faculty/Staff Lounge – M. Finney proposed that the Saginaw Room could be used as a dining area for faculty and staff—alternating the use of the room and sharing the space on Fridays. Several staff council members suggested ways that the room could be utilized: pre-orders/delivery from vendors, lunchtime talks; network more by sharing on Monday since not a majority of faculty here on Fridays; pilot the idea. C. Pepperdine commented that an email and flyers should be sent out when the use of the room is decided.

Staff Council Archives Project – C. Blakely reported that she and D. Getty met with B. Houbeck and toured the space at the Library where the boxes are stored. The archiving is ongoing. D. Getty suggested digital archiving to SharePoint. There are 3 videos that could be converted to DVD.

Parking issues – D. Rowden reported that, at the Parking Committee meeting in September, open parking for staff on Friday was discussed. She will email B. Webb to clarify if this is just UPAV or across campus and request that a public announcement be made.

ECDC Discounts – A. Holt reported that B. Manning is helping to get the numbers. The subcommittee met last week and are drafting survey questions. They are waiting for the numbers of faculty/staff part-time/full-time using ECDC. Della Becker-Cornell followed up with the Mott Foundation on the original plan for the center. The plan was 50% community/50% university utilization, now 70%/30%. The funding plan was \$100K; reality \$60K. C. Pepperdine will mention the survey at her chat with Dr. Kay.

Athletics Committee – J. Swank reported that the committee led by D. Lossing is not meeting. A hockey team has been formed under NCAA.

Volunteer Service Credit – D. Rowden to email the test site address to the group.

United Way – C. Pepperdine asked for volunteers to be campaign coordinators and reported that an informational meeting will be held.

Topics for Meeting with Jack Kay – ECDC.

Free Recreation Center Access for Staff – D. Getty reported that he had no information at this time and asked for suggestions for a course of action. C. Pepperdine suggested approaching it as a staff health issue and perhaps as a health initiative, January-March could be free access for staff. D. Getty will research rates at Ann Arbor and Dearborn and also what are light use days and hours.

Fund Raiser – Portfolios – C. Pepperdine reported that, out of the order of 100, 90 were sold to the Chancellor's Office, so she will send an email to try to sell 16 remaining portfolios. The group discussed selling portfolios to departments. C. Blakely asked whether dept-to-dept purchases for profit were discouraged. C. Pepperdine will check with T. Bigelow if there are any SPG policies.

Other Matters – Brief discussions were held on the items below. Council will revisit these matters as time permits during the October meeting.

- **Freshman Book Project** – C. Pepperdine reported that out of the 110 books which were donated, 12 books were from staff.

AJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Submitted by,

Debi Rowden
Staff Council Secretary