

STAFF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date: November 15, 2007
Present: Barb Bassett, Vicky Dawson, Dan Getty, Sandra Johnson, Doritta McDaniel,
Crystal Pepperdine, Debi Rowden, Jennifer Swank
Absent: Clara Blakely, Annette Holt
Guests: Jennifer Hogan

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the September and October meetings were presented and approved. S. Johnson will make corrections to the October minutes prior to posting on the web.

AGENDA ITEMS

UM-Flint Positioning Statements – J. Hogan reported that University Relations is conducting the first marketing study since 2000. A handout of possible position statements was distributed and the council commented on each statement. J. Hogan reported that focus group sessions will be conducted throughout the following week and that Faculty Council's favorite statement is "Experience Life Here".

Budget Report – C. Pepperdine provided the council with an updated budget report detailing expenses through October 31, 2007.

\$5,548.92 – General Fund

730.12 – Gift Account

355.50 – Designated Account

\$150 was given to the Veteran's Program for postage for the military care packages. Three (3) portfolios were donated as initiatives for the United Way campaign.

Vote on Chair Stipend – C. Pepperdine detailed responsibilities of the Staff Council Chair, such as attending campus financial/budget meetings and the Chancellor Council meeting, as well as the current four meetings per year with the Chancellor; speaking on behalf of staff on issues such as parking and the staff lounge. After much discussion of the issues involved, the council decided on two options: 1) get rid of the stipend and 2) keep stipend as is. The eight attending council members and one proxy vote (C. Blakely) voted for Option 2. The council agreed to further discuss another option (keep stipend and add option for chair to waive/donate stipend). The council can choose this option and change the Charter; however, the Staff Council Advisor or the Chancellor could veto.

Parking Issues – D. Rowden distributed a report from the October meeting of the UM-Flint Parking and Transportation Meeting. The council agreed that parking issues are affecting staff morale, as detailed in Dee Dee Hurley's email to C. Pepperdine regarding issues such as lack of staff parking in the Pavilion ramp, special permits, cars parking over the lines, etc. C. Pepperdine and D. Rowden will meet with Candace Sharon, Student Government President, to discuss requesting changes in the parking policies and procedures. Once the recommendations

are drafted, an email will be sent to Dr. Kay with CC to Dave Barthelmes, Bill Webb, and Chalmers Sanders.

ECDC Discounts – J. Swank reported that the survey was approved by Della Becker-Cornell, Dean Chandler, and Linda Pickett. Dean Chandler advised caution in proceeding as they are pursuing other avenues for funding.

Athletics Committee – J. Swank is sending admissions sports interest data to Dave Lossing.

Volunteer Service Credit – S. Johnson reported that she spoke to M. Stephens-Farrell, Outreach, who expressed interest in printing certificates for staff; a meeting is planned for further discussion.

Brochures – S. Pepperdine reported that Dr. Kay approved the new brochure and that council plans to include them in HR's orientation packet for new employees. Council voted on the issue of listing portfolios for sale in the brochure. Three options were identified as: 1) leave the listing in the brochure (C. Pepperdine, D. Getty, B. Bassett, D. McDaniel); 2) exclude the listing (J. Swank, C. Blakely proxy); 3) include the listing on a separate flyer (V. Dawson, S. Johnson, D. Rowden). The council decided to include a separate flyer about the portfolios/fundraising.

Faculty/Staff Dining Room – Confidential information regarding reassignment of faculty/staff lounge and dining space was discussed. T. Landis will partner with the faculty and staff council representatives to plan a redesign for the Saginaw Room to accommodate faculty and staff needs. The Saginaw Room will still be used as a meeting room (of last resort). The Staff Council subcommittee consists of V. Dawson, D. Getty, C. Pepperdine, and J. Swank.

Adopt-a-Student-Family Program – B. Bassett reported that she will send another email this afternoon with flyer, and that the director matches EOI contributions up to \$200. Three families have been identified through the Women's Educational Center. J. Swank suggested a Head-to-Toe campaign for after the holidays with the donations dispersed to shelters. B. Bassett and V. Dawson will form a subcommittee.

Holiday Breakfast – The breakfast is planned for Thursday, December 6th, 9:30-11:30 a.m., in Michigan Rooms A-C. A planning committee was formed for decorations, food, and music: B. Bassett, S. Johnson, C. Pepperdine, and D. Rowden. The council approved giving a small gift to staff and handing out flyers for Adopt-a-Student-Family and the Head-to-Toe campaigns.

Other Matters – The council approved the next meeting to be held a week early on December 13th.

AJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Submitted by,
Debi Rowden
Staff Council Secretary