

STAFF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date: March 27, 2008

Present: B. Bassett, C. Blakely, V. Dawson, D. Getty, A. Holt, C. Pepperdine, D. Rowden, S. Seames, J. Swank

Absent: D. McDaniel (excused)

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by C. Pepperdine at 10:05 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the February meeting were presented, and council members were asked to review the minutes and email D. Rowden with any changes within the next two weeks.

AGENDA ITEMS

Budget Report – C. Pepperdine reported that the budget increase request (to \$10K) was sent to Dave Barthelmes at the end of February and then sent to Jerry Glasco in Accounting. There is no formal budget report this month. More Staff Council letterhead was ordered.

Volunteer Service Credit Report – D. Rowden reported that 13 staff members have entered 37 activities with 21 agencies for a total of 76.6 hours with an average of 2.07 hours per activity or an average of 5.89 hours per staff member.

Sterling Staff Awards – D. Rowden reported that 14 staff members have been nominated so far in March. Many faculty nominations were submitted and were forwarded to the TCLT. Certificates in PDF format will be emailed after April 1st. D. Rowden discussed the possibility of the Student Government Council providing awards to the student workers.

Parking Issues – C. Pepperdine attended the Parking and Transportation Committee meeting this month in D. Rowden's absence and spoke to the committee to reiterate the importance of the issues. She will be meeting tomorrow with Bill Webb to discuss ideas that were generated from the initial meeting such as organizing a campus-wide committee to run parking awareness campaigns. The group expressed concern about the idea of self-policing parking violators by tagging offending vehicles with slips of paper under windshield wipers. J. Swank suggested that instead of filling out a renewal form to pay for parking every year, that faculty and staff should complete one auto-payment form at HR at the beginning of their employment.

ECDC Discounts – J. Swank reported that a draft of the memo will be ready on April 10th. A. Holt will develop a memo to the Chancellor/HR Director/D. Barthelmes requesting the Kids Care subsidy information. If the information is not received, a FOI form is the next step. D. McDaniel is drafting a memo to the Voices of the Staff Committee. Beth Manning will review all drafts. C. Pepperdine requested that all drafts be sent via email to all members of Staff Council first.

Athletics Committee – J. Swank reported that the committee has not met, but she has communicated with Dave Lossing. A mascot-naming process is ongoing. Dearborn's mascot is Wolves. UM-Flint choices are Stones, Flash, The Victors, and the student body will vote to choose the mascot.

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Brochure and Newsletter – C. Pepperdine reported that the brochure has been printed and distributed to members of staff assembly. D. Rowden will send a monthly “news” email with bullet points. V. Dawson needs stories for the newsletter. Suggested stories are: Veterans Day (D. McDaniel), “Comments from the Chair” (C. Pepperdine), Annual Fund designate to Staff Council (D. Getty), “What Staff Council Has Meant to Me—and Why Run” (J. Swank), Volunteer Service Credit and Sterling Staff Award (D. Rowden). J. Swank and D. Rowden will discuss how to facilitate the twenty questions for Highlight on Staff and will propose a solution at the next meeting.

Faculty-Staff Dining Room – C. Pepperdine reported that that a joint memo from Staff and Faculty Councils was sent to the Space Committee in January, and that she followed up but no decision has been made. The group discussed that a lot of staff want a staff lounge centrally located in UCEN. S. Seames pointed out that there is no staff space in WSW.

Women’s Night Out – B. Bassett reported that enough items were donated to fill two baskets. D. Rowden reported that volunteers are in place for tonight’s event.

Bulletin Board in Pavilion – D. McDaniel will prepare the bulletin board. J. Swank will email the dimensions to her. D. Rowden will print a list of nominees for the Sterling Staff Awards spot.

Charter Revisions – J. Swank reported that most are clarifications and will email them to the group for review at the next meeting.

Birthday Club – C. Pepperdine reported that the May birthday club is the last one that she will preside over. B. Bassett will assume the responsibility.

Staff Council Elections – C. Pepperdine reported that there will be an electronic ballot again this year. There are five (5) non-union positions open. Five nomination paragraphs have been received; however, one is from a temporary staff member and the other staff member is still on the 6-month probation period until after the election. S. Seames is finishing Sandra Johnson’s position and is encouraged to run again.

Staff Recognition Awards Breakfast – C. Pepperdine reported that there will be two awards this year and that an email will be sent to the faculty/staff email list asking for nominations. The award committee consists of C. Pepperdine, S. Alberto, and T. Wrobel. The breakfast will be held on May 22nd and the committee is B. Bassett, C. Blakely, A. Holt, C. Pepperdine, and S. Seames. The chosen caterer is Wends.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Submitted by,

Debi Rowden
Staff Council Secretary