



MEETING MINUTES

Date: May 15, 2008

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

Absent: J. Swank (excused)

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the March and April meetings were approved for posting on the website.

AGENDA ITEMS

Budget Report – C. Pepperdine reported that the budget increase will be presented to the President’s Budget Council for approval.

Volunteer Service Credit Report – D. Rowden was not able to total the hours for volunteer activities. The council decided that a range instead of average would be more useful data.

Sterling Staff Awards and Spotlight on Staff – D. Rowden reported that nine (9) staff members were nominated for the month of April. Jamila Harris was chosen as Recipient of the Month. C. Pepperdine will ask the Chancellor to promote these awards and encouraged the council to nominate deserving staff. V. Dawson suggested that we spotlight the volunteer with the most hours. D. Rowden will archive the certificates in SharePoint.

Staff Council Archives Project/Anniversary Celebration – The council decided to check the possibility of showcasing materials in the Library display case.

Parking Issues – C. Pepperdine reported that she is waiting to hear from the Chancellor and that faculty is not onboard with the UPAV ramp swap of 100 student parking spaces for 100 faculty/staff parking spaces in the Harrison ramp. D. Rowden reported that there was no April meeting of the Parking and Transportation committee.

ECDC Discounts – A. Holt reported that a letter was sent to the Chancellor and HR Director regarding getting the data about the benefits recharge. Beth Manning has been authorized by the Chancellor to obtain the information from U-M Ann Arbor.

Faculty-Staff Dining Room – Theresa Landis sent email to the faculty/staff list regarding the loss of the Peerless Room and describing how to use a room in the Library. The Space Committee has not made a decision. C. Pepperdine discussed the preferences of staff for UCEN, MSB or FH, or the Saginaw Room, in that order. S. Seames mentioned that there is no staff lounge in WSW, which could be one of her initiatives for next year.

Newsletter – C. Pepperdine reported that Printing Services will charge \$30 for 250 black/white copies. D. Rowden suggested that we post a PDF version of the next newsletter on the website and email Staff Assembly with a “News Flash” containing the link to the PDF.

Bulletin Board in Pavilion – D. Rowden provided the Sterling Staff Awards group certificate for posting on the board. D. McDaniel showed the plastic holder for the brochures. D. Rowden will put the monthly certificates into a binder or scrapbook.

Staff Council Elections – The new members are Beulah Alexander (SEHS), Rhonda Broadworth (CAS), Karen Davis (English), Dee Dee Hurley (HR), and Sharon Seames (SOM). They will attend the July meeting.

Staff Recognition Awards Breakfast – B. Bassett reported that plans for the tablecloths and centerpieces are in progress and asked that the council report to the Michigan Rooms between 8 and 8:30 a.m. to assist with setup. C. Pepperdine will purchase two plants for the Recognition Award recipients (Mary Deibis and Nick Gaspar). Some members of the council promised to donate door prizes. Portfolios will again be for sale at the breakfast. C. Pepperdine will invite the council to a demo by Gifts Galore and will ask them to bring mugs, candy jars, and other container-type items. D. McDaniel suggested that Printing Services can imprint the seal on the two certificates that will be presented.

Charter Revisions – C. Pepperdine reported that J. Swank sent her the revisions and they will be ready by the next meeting. They are clarifications, not revisions. D. Getty reported that the business procedures are not linked on the website. The group agreed that it would be useful if the current agenda was posted on the website and a news flash could be emailed with the next meeting date.

Donation of Sick/Vacation Time – B. Bassett will proceed with this initiative during the summer with the assistance of A. Holt and V. Dawson.

VOICES of the Staff – D. McDaniel will have a report next month about the “Pandemic Email”. She reported that this committee is concerned about staff tenure and that the majority of staff fall into the 1-5 years or 9-30 years of service. Another concern is that 50% of managers will retire in the next year and there are no assistant managers. Integrated portfolios are being investigated as a retention tool. D. Rowden will discuss the possibilities for ePortfolios for UM-Flint staff with D. McDaniel.

Athletics Commission – D. Getty will email D. Lossing as there has been no activity.

Other Matters – C. Pepperdine suggested that a volunteer be randomly selected for the monthly spotlight and that we will start with the volunteer with the most hours. V. Dawson suggested not mentioning that this volunteer has the most hours. Also, news flashes could encourage staff to sign up for the Birthday Club.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Submitted by,

Debi Rowden
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