

Staff Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 11, 2008
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Skutt Student Center, Room 104

Members Present: Celeste Hubbard, Toni Parsley, JoAnn Wilde, Theresa Thurin, Jami Monico, Taunya Plater, Jan Schnack, Deb Russell, Beth Karause, Colleen Warin, Karen Farias, Annette Thomas, Lisa Chipps, Tom Thibodeaux

Absent: Luann Miller, Theresa Conway, Mariah Starling

Reflection – Given by Karen Farias

Approval of August Minutes – Moved to approve by Deb Russell, seconded by Celeste Hubbard.

Accepted as written

Reports

Campus Planning and Honors Committee Update – Notice of vacancy on this committee. A list of people who expressed interest on serving on this committee was forwarded to Father Schlegel. Monica Martin was selected and has agreed to serve.

Treasurer's Report – \$425 for the Children's Nature Classroom and Holiday Bazaar money will show up on the next report. Deb was asked who determines what we can spend and when. Theresa Thurin will contact Dan Burkey and find out the answer to this question.

Subcommittees

Issues – There were several issues discussed. One of the questions raised was how the alert system works. It runs a cycle through a large list of participants and sends out the alert as quickly as possible. The suggestion was brought up that maybe evacuation procedures should be posted on the website. Theresa suggested that these concerns should be taken to the Crisis Committee. Jan Schnaack who is the SAC representative on this committee will forward this recommendation.

Concerns were submitted regarding the large pot holes in the faculty/staff parking lot on 23rd and Cuming. Facilities was alerted and they are looking into this issue.

Pool closing - Campus Recreation should probably post a list on nearby pools that staff and students could utilize.

Vacation days vs. PTO - this issue has been addressed in the past. At this time, there are no changes being made in the near future

January 2nd - Several concerns were posed by employees regarding the mandatory vacation day. These concerns were forwarded to Human Resources to be addressed.

Nominations – No report.

Staff Relations – Discussed possible Town Hall meeting for the Spring. Will meet to compile list of speakers to invite to this event.

Event tickets - Lisa Chipps will contact Athletics to get basketball tickets to give away.

Staff Service – Homeless Connect Omaha will be held again this year on March 27th from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Sign ups will be open in early January.

Sienna Francis House Lunch - SAC was asked to take on this service, however it may be too large a project. We will call them to schedule a speaker to come to a meeting so that we can explore a possible role for this.

Standing Rules – Circulated changes to everyone. There were some slight changes made and they were forwarded to Michael LaCroix.

Chairperson – No report.

New Business – SAC: Who are we and what do we want to accomplish in Spring 2009? What is our role at the University? Theresa challenged everyone to define topics and expectations.

Old Business – Child Development Center donation - \$425 was donated for the Nature Classroom and for the Holiday Bazaar.

Update on Employee electronic "suggestion box"

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 15, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 104 of the Skutt Student Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Toni Parsley
Secretary