

Staff Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 14, 2011
12:00-2:00 pm
Harper Center 3023

Members Present: Terry Begley, Eddy Butkus, James Dorsey, LeeAnn Crist, Karen Farias, Liz Flaherty, Tadd Martin, Marsha Pierce, Taunya Plater, Marsha Schlautman, Tami Thibodeau

Members Absent: Susan Chamberlin, Celeste Hubbard, Jennifer Larsen, Erin Schnell-Gaines, Heather Smith, Annette Thomas, Colleen Warin, JoAnn Wilde

The meeting was called to order at 12:06 pm. Tadd Martin offered reflection.

1. Approval of minutes:

The minutes of the June meeting were reviewed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes with changes. All were in favor.

2. New Business:

- **The year in reflection.** This has been a busy year with the implementation of SACsational Deals, addressing a variety staff concerns, our new Jesuit Relations Subcommittee and events, “Measure Up” Back to School Campaign, a new and improved website, tickets to a variety of sporting events, Town Hall Meetings (webstreamed) in the fall and spring, nominations and elections for Rookie of the Year, SAC, Presidential Committees, and more. We would like to thank everyone for their hard work and dedication to make this happen.
- **SAC Elections.** We would like to congratulate our new SAC members:
 - Academic Affairs—Sandra Leighton
 - Dental School—Kristie Denne
 - Health Sciences—Laurie Bier, Colby Bradfield, Denise Miller, Sharalyn Steenson
- **SAC Officer Elections.** We would like to congratulate our new SAC officers (and some returning ones):
 - Chair: Tami Thibodeau
 - Vice chair: Tadd Martin
 - Secretary: Liz Flaherty
 - Treasurer: Sue Chamberlain
 - **Other positions to note:**
 - Photographer: Eddy Butkus
 - Webmaster: Terry Begley
 - We will need a volunteer for Life Changing Events and one for Martin Luther King Jr. Committee.
- **Presidential Committee Appointments.** We would like to congratulate the new Presidential Committee members:
 - University Committee on Benefits—Sandra Biga-Fischer
 - University Grievance Committee—Bryan Hanson
 - University Public Honors & Events Committee—Brian Diss
 - University Financial Advisory Committee—Pam Yenko
 - University Committee on the Status of Women—Tessa Young
- SAC would like to thank the outgoing SAC members this election cycle for their service on the Committee. A special thanks to: Taunya Plauter, Annette Thomas, Karen Farias, Celeste Hubbard, Marsha Pierce, and JoAnn Wilde.
- Marsha Schlautman thanked the committee for the card after her husband’s accident.

3. Reports:

- Treasurer: Karen Farias

- A treasury report was made at the meeting and Karen will hand the books over to Susan Chamberlain for August.
- Staff Relations: Taunya Plater
 - There will be several upcoming events to welcome Father Lannon to campus. Please attend them and encourage staff from your area to join you!
 - With program prioritization, layoffs, and other incidents affecting employee morale, it was suggested that next year should be focused on improving employee morale across the University.
- Nominations: LeeAnn Crist
 - SAC Nominations ran throughout June. SAC Elections for Academic Affairs were held in July. All other divisions had the same number of nominees as vacancies. Election results above.
 - SAC Presidential Committee nominations ran throughout June. Election results above.
 - SAC officer nominations were completed at the meeting. Election results above.
- Issues: Tadd Martin
 - It was suggested that the University offer a “volunteer day” a year to support Creighton’s Mission and events such as SAC’s Jaypackers on August 8th or Project Homeless Connect Omaha, instead of requiring staff to take a vacation day. The issue was addressed with Jeff Branstetter, who said that the University does not allow that at this time. It may be re-addressed as Father Lannon arrives.
 - It was suggested that we should offer some sort of classified ads for staff. It was noted that “Jaynet Forum” already provides that service.
- Staff Service: Celeste Hubbard (Report by Eddy Butkus)
 - “Jaypackers” We currently have 35 jaypackers lined up to help at the Salvation Army on August 8th. We would like to thank these staff members and their families for their service to this great cause.
- Standing Rules: Terry Begley
 - We are awaiting any changes by Father Lannon to the organizational chart before modifying the standing rules.
- Jesuit Relations: Eddy Butkus
 - The year was very successful with implementing seven small Jesuit-Staff luncheons. Several groups had more than one luncheon. This will be continued into next year, hopefully, with at least 10 Jesuits.
 - It was noted that the goal of these luncheons is to get to know each other as people, rather than just to introduce the Jesuits to what each lunch member does at the University.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
 Marsha Pierce
 SAC Secretary