

**Staff Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 7, 2009
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Skutt Student Center, Room 104**

Members Present: Theresa Thurin, Jami Monico, Deb Russell, Toni Parsley, Theresa Conway, Karen Farias, Celeste Hubbard, Beth Krause, Taunya Plater, Jan Schnack, Colleen Warin

Members Absent: Lisa Chipps, Luann Miller, Mariah Starling, Tom Thibodeau, Annette Thomas, JoAnn Wilde

Reflection – Given by Jami Monico

Approval of April Minutes – Presented and approved.

Reports

Treasurer's Report – No change - Presented and approved.

Sub-Committees

Issues – No new issues to discuss

Nominations – Upcoming elections - E-mails will be going out to constituents calling for nominations to replace eight representatives. Once nominations are in, DoIT will compile the list and send out ballots for voting in June.

Staff Relations – Discussed the follow-up on the Men's Baseball and Women's Softball ticket give-aways. Guidelines will be discussed for future ticket give-aways.

Staff Service – No report

Standing Rules – No report

MLK Committee – No report

Crisis Committee – No report

Chairperson – No report

New Business – Tabled until next meeting

Old Business – Tabled until next meeting

Guest Speakers:

Darin Boudreau - Came in to present an update on the Tobacco Cessation Program. He brought in a draft proposal for the enforcement process for students, faculty and staff. Darin asked for the group's feedback. Send any comments or concerns directly to him. Once this is complete, it will be forwarded to the President's Cabinet for approval. All are encouraged to visit the Tobacco Cessation website for information and updates.

Dawn Obermiller - Came in to present Wellness updates. The Wellness Council is considering adding subgroups such as a Health Advisory Council to help in the oversight of different initiatives, such as cholesterol checks, etc. Another subgroup they are discussing is Wellness Champions. These selected individuals would be trained to oversee the communications of the different wellness programs as well as mentor employees to take advantage of these programs. They would actively promote the programs and get employees motivated to participate. These champions would be responsible for getting the message out to the masses. A new program, "Active You...All Summer" is underway. Pamphlets were mailed to employees homes to engage employees as well as their family members to keep active during the summer. Deadline to enroll is May 28th. Participation in various wellness programs is going up slowly, but she would like to see it go up more. All are encouraged to visit the Wellness Council website to keep abreast of new programs. She will return in the Fall to update the group on upcoming programs.

Bill Hill and Kathy Custard- Came in to present an update on "Best Places to Work" survey results. They shared the top and bottom 10 responses to the survey and the timeline in getting initiatives in place addressing the issues that are most important to employees. Results will soon be shared with the Creighton community.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 4, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 104 of the Skutt Student Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Toni Parsley
Secretary