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Staff Council Meeting

October 2, 2012 | 3p-5p | Willis Library Forum

Persons in attendance: Jennifer Spillman, Ben Taylor, Indra Bhagat, Peter Kaiser, Charles Andrews, Jordan Harmon, Rhonda Acker, Jennifer Lee, Dilana King, Chris Foster, Becky Starr, Senta Macaraeg, Yasmin Valdez, Beth Kent, Chris Stoermer, Kerry Stanhope, Jerry Ringe, Pamela Milner, Danielle Champagne, Anissa Breaux-Schropp, Adam Silva, Addie Jackson, Jackie Thames, Shannon Sawyer, Karen Knotts, Nathan Hansard, Mark Packer, Tracy Kaan.

I. Call to Order

Meeting of the Staff Council (SC) was called to order by Chris Foster, Chair of the SC.

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved with changes reflecting the inclusion and clarity of attendees.

III. Guest Presentations/Discussion

- a. Rolando Rivas, URCM – Discussed programs to promote Mean Green Pride among students, faculty, and staff. He stated that green should be worn every Friday and that there are opportunities to enter and win a \$50 gift card.

URCM has also had local businesses provide discounts to those who show their Mean Green Pride.

Mr. Rivas also show the SC a Mean Green Pride video promoting the theme “We’re All In.” The goal is to engage the local community in UNT spirit as well as demonstrates UNT’s commitment to the Denton community.

- b. Sue Delmark, Director, Pohl Recreation Center – Stuart Birdseye spoke to the SC on behalf of Rec. Sports. He informed the SC of the various activities for staff to participate at Rec. Sports.

Stuart indicated that persons do not have to be a member of Rec. Sports to attend any of the “free clinics.”

- c. Jean Bush, Finance & Administration – discussed the proposed payroll change. Mrs. Bush explained the how employees are paid and what caused the matter impacting staff last year with the release of paychecks early by Wells Fargo. Currently, the BSC is reviewing the matter and approval is needed by the Chancellor.

- d. Brandi Renton, System Human Resources – made a request to the SC for volunteers to assist with the President’s Sack Lunch.

IV. Executive Committee Report – EC finalized the budget that the SC requested. The SC received an amount from Dr. Herman Totten. Once budget is finalized, Mr. Foster and Rhonda Acker will give an update to the SC.

The amounts requested don’t include sponsor amounts given to the SC. In addition, Chris Foster is working with various Vice Presidents to gather sponsorships that were previously funded.

Mr. Foster informed the SC that the Love and Logic workshop is currently being confirmed and that it is hoped to expand the venue without raising the cost.

EC has been looking into getting a SC tent that can be used at various events and to ensure that the SC has a presence.

The name change of the SC to Staff Senate is moving forward. The SC has the support of the Faculty Senate as well in this change.

Mr. Foster indicated that he’ll contact URCM to promote “Perks Spot” so that it may be promoted to staff.

V. Standing Committee Reports

- a. Bylaws & Procedures – The most significant project will be to document what the SC does so that there will be a process of what is being done.

This committee would like to have a workshop on Roberts Rules of Order so that members may better understand the operations of SC meetings.

- b. Communications – Shannon Sawyer/Tracy Kaan – discussed the need to communicate with staff and doing so may be enhanced by using Facebook or and Twitter; however a starting place may be with the SC Newsletter.
- c. Employee Relations (ER) – Indra Bhagat – stated that the focus will be to strengthen relations with HR and Parking. Also, there is an interest in the ER committee to track new legislative initiatives; as well as pursuing an interest in on-campus daycare.
- d. Nominations & Elections – Hillary Castillo – No update at this time.
- e. Staff Development – Ben Taylor – This committee will look into getting SC representatives more visible in specific areas on campus. Perhaps hosting an Ice Cream Social and other events will make the SC more visible to staff.

VI. Unfinished Business

- a. Staff Council Mission Statement – Tabled until the SC name change is official.

- b. 2012-2013 Goals & Objectives – Working on publishing these on the SC website.
- c. FY2013 Budget – Previously covered throughout the Standing Committee reports.

VII. New Business

- a. ID Card Readers – Danielle Champagne discussed this process which can be utilized for SC events and meeting attendance. This is a way to track hours on, SC spending and may be attached to budget.

Ms. Champagne's department will allow SC to use these devices as well.

VIII. Announcements

- a. SECC – Rhonda Acker – provided the SC with key highlights related to the SECC.
- b. Next Meeting – will be November 13th with guests from the UNT System BSC, UNT System HR, and UNT Space Management.

IX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:39 pm.