



STAFF COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, December 3, 2012

Time & Location: 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM, Butler Conference Room, Butler Pavilion

Members Present: Scott Jones (Chair), Nicole Schoeb (Secretary), Matteo Becchi (Co-Chair), Lena “Josie” Armentrout, Jim Asendio, Curtis Burrill, Adell Crowe, Emily Curley, David Fletcher, Sarah Goldberg, Laura Larrimore, Nancy Pearson, Celina Ryan, Kathryn Tortorici, and Mark Winek.

Authorized Absences: Gerick Allen, Rene Kauder, Shea Mulcahy, Dori O’Donnell, Patricia Williams.

Approval of Meeting Agenda and Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The meeting began at 11:41am. The minutes of the last meeting and current agenda were approved.

Current Business

- I. Call to Order & Roll Call—11:43am
 - a. Approval of Meeting Agenda items and Meeting Minutes
 - i. Approved; approved (Curtis thirds)
 - b. Current Business
 - i. Happy New Year!!
 1. Review of week closed.
 - ii. Service Initiatives
 1. Thank you again for the Dollar Drive initiative; we collected over \$1000 for Martha’s Table; slides will be up on the TV screens for the AU community.
 2. Blood Drive
 - a. We can hold off on planning the event and hosting this during the summer.
 3. MLK Day of Service
 - a. Quickly approaching—sign-up’s happening.
 - b. Service day will be on January 21st.
 - c. Can bring families.
 4. Book and Media Swap
 - a. Volunteers Needed—sign-up sheet will go around.
 - b. Council Member Needed to Chair February 8th—Emily Curley will work with Curtis to make sure everything runs smoothly the day of the event.
 5. Prom Dress drive will be the last two weeks of March on Thursday/Friday; Jim is taking the lead.
 - a. Coordinating with the Fraternities and Sororities on the event.
 - b. Will be collecting in the Marketplace.

- c. Will be having a tabling drive the week prior to spring break so that students can bring dresses back from home.
 - 6. Professional Clothing Drive at the beginning of the summer:
 - a. Positive feedback from last year; will most likely be hosting.
- iii. Smoking Policy
 - 1. Scott reported to Beth Muha in HR that the council was split on the decision to make policy effective Fall 2012 vs. Fall 2013; concerns for Fall 2012 because information getting out to everyone related to the university, might be too soon to implement.
 - 2. We do not know when it will be implemented; the final decision will come from the President's cabinet.
 - 3. Jim Asendio reports—his constituents are overwhelmingly in support of implementing the new policy in Fall 2012.
- iv. BOT Updates
 - 1. BOT meetings from November 19th.
 - 2. Academic Affairs (Jim)—concern with the university in terms of revenue; locked in for 1,550 undergrads; looking for graduate student population growth in order to get additional student revenue.
 - a. Law School and KSB doing well with graduate programs; other AU programs are losing attendance because of the economy.
 - b. Any conversation with the potential relationship between AU and NOVA? –No information known.
 - 3. OCL (Curtis)—focus on student transports, late-night activities, off-campus issues; discussion about campus-plan related issues.
 - a. Alarming rate of transports this year.
 - 4. Alumni Affairs and Development (Nancy)—looking at fundraising goal; right now in good shape but always looking for more people to donate.
 - a. Trying to get newer alumni involved in giving.
 - 5. BOT (Scott)—most discussion related to fiscal issues.
 - a. Other big issue was the Campus Plan; dictates so much related to the entire university; everyone is waiting for results from zoning discussions so the university can get moving.
 - b. As soon as there is a green light, expansion on Nebraska Hall and North Campus will happen.
 - c. After that, ground-breaking will happen for the East Campus and expansion with MGC.
 - d. McKinley Building has gone offline, but was not a part of the Campus Plan because it was an internal space.
 - i. No classes or labs will be held in McKinley; Merit Awards will be moving out February/March.
 - ii. Hopefully will be completed in August 2014.
 - e. DC Zoning results on Campus Plan will come back to AU by end of January.
- v. BOT February Report—Due by January 20th.
 - 1. BOT meeting mid-February.
 - 2. BOT last meeting was most interested in service initiatives and the survey results.
- vi. Spring Break Office Supplies Swap/Recycle Day (Celina)

1. Idea to have a day over spring break where supplies can be exchanged/recycled.
2. Office of Sustainability has thought of created a website where available items can be posted for people to pick-up.
3. From a Budget and Finance perspective—there are some rules and regulations that need to be followed; potential conversation with Hallie Porter.
4. Interest in a few folks getting together to figuring out the logistics.

II. New Business

III. Suggestions for the Good of the Order

- a. McDonald's is officially closed; the University does not know what will be going into the space yet.
 - i. There will be general build-out adjustments in the next few months, that would need to happen regardless of which vendor goes into the space.
- b. Break period food vendor issues—Auxiliary services addressing issues with not having enough dining options on campus during low volume periods.
- c. Food Trucks—still on review based on DC regulations and correct AU criteria in place; still in discussion.
- d. Quality of service at Bon Appetit—complaints about the service, or employees at some of these locations.
 - i. Any concerns—please bring them to Kat and Mark (our link to the Dining Service Committee).
 - ii. Eagle Eyes Secret Shopper Program—through Auxiliary Services; any Staff, Faculty, or Student can be involved; they will reimburse you up to \$15 for services.
 - iii. Please communicate the Eagle Eyes program to constituents and to be involved yourself.
- e. WAMU moving in about 18 months to Connecticut Avenue.
- f. Compensation Question—if there are department compensation issues, contact Brenda Harner in HR.
- g. Benefits Survey—HR asked for feedback; was sent out last semester.

IV. Adjournment

Next Meeting: January 03, 2012