



STAFF COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

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

Members Present: Scott Jones (Chair), Matteo Becchi (Co-Chair), Nicole Schoeb (Secretary), Gerick Allen, Lena “Josie” Armentrout, Curtis Burrill, Emily Curley, David Fletcher, Sarah Goldberg, Shea Mulcahy, Dori O’Donnell, Nancy Pearson, and Celina Ryan.

Absences: Adell Crowe, Danny Grant, Rene Kauder, Laura Larrimore, Jason Poppe, Kathryn Tortorici and Mark Winek.

Approval of Meeting Agenda and Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The meeting began at 11:54am. The minutes and agenda items for May 15 and June 5 were approved.

I. Current Business

a. Absences

- i. Renee Kauder voted by a majority to be removed from the council because of absences.
- ii. Dori O’Donnell voted by a majority to remain on the council and continue with the second year of her term.

b. Parking and Transportation Committee

- i. Powerpoint presentation with various suggested directions and initiatives to move forward with this committee.
- ii. Possible next steps and initiatives: invite the Director of Public Safety, Terry Campbell, or Facilities Management to come speak; look more closely at shuttle services, biking & scooter options, and parking on campus.
- iii. A lot of parking and transportation conversations are currently ongoing, and because this is a hot topic issue at the university, the council should make this a big initiative for the next year.

c. Council Meeting July 3

- i. Motion to move July 3rd meeting to July 10th was passed by a majority of the council. Be on the lookout for a calendar invite with the room location.

d. End of Year Event

- i. Date will be Thursday, June 14, from 5:30-8:00pm, with guests welcome after 8:00pm; food will be provided for the event.

e. BOT Update

i. Shea—Athletics Committee report

1. Athletics team exceeded expectations in all sports, except in playoffs, and student athletes had stellar GPAs.
2. Hallways by the athletics offices will be changing this summer and into the fall, in order to highlight and be more celebratory of athletic team achievements from past and present.
3. AU will remain in the Patriot League because we fit well with the league.
4. The Athletics Department is working to repurpose the arena sky box and the locker-room refurbishing will happen soon.

- ii. Faculty Senate
 - 1. Big year because the new Academic Regulations go into effect beginning Fall 2012, for both undergraduate and graduate students.
 - 2. Graduate Student Regulations—all approved with a few final changes remaining; graduate students will now be part-time at 4 credits, in order to be eligible to receive financial aid.
 - 3. Transcripts will also look different from the past.
- iii. Campus Plan Approvals
 - 1. Everything has been given the go-ahead to start, including WCL (which was anticipated to be approved later this summer/fall).
 - 2. Finalizing details for SOC's move to McKinley; work should have begun in May, but has not started as of yet.
- iv. No updates with the smoking policy—last communication was that the university will be Smoke-Free starting Fall 2013; communications and final decisions forthcoming over the next academic year, especially from University Marketing, HR, Wellness, Staff Council, and other groups.
- f. Staff Appreciation Week Wrap-Up
 - i. Biggest turnout for Staff Council events ever!
 - ii. All professional clothing went to A Wider Circle, with around 100 people participating in the MAC mobile event.
 - iii. Looking forward, the council should define the Wednesday of Staff Appreciation week for Staff Council events.
 - iv. A suggestion for a future event would be to have a neighborhood clean-up beyond AU grounds on the Wednesday morning, to create a “day of service” for the week.
 - v. Suggestions to take back to the Staff Appreciation Committee:
 - 1. No announcements future years at the picnic.
 - 2. More communications, and not only in email form.
 - 3. More top-down buy-in—targeted directly to the unit heads of the university.
 - 4. Have an odd number of judges for cupcake challenge.
- g. Spring/Summer Newsletter
 - i. Have bios in the newsletter about the new members, a recap of Staff Appreciation week, among other things.
 - ii. Looking to send out the newsletter at the end of June.
 - iii. If there are suggestions, etc., circle back with the communications team.
- h. New Council Members for July
 - i. Scott/Matteo will most likely send an email out to the new members in the next week; 9 members have accepted, with 8 on standby.
- II. New Business
 - a. For anyone interested, there will be a new cohort MBA program through Kogod starting in the Fall semester.
 - b. TDR over the summer—inquiries about summer food and prices should be addressed through Dave Courter.
 - c. Live Near Your Work Program AU has with DC—information will be coming out soon.
- III. Adjournment at 1:07pm.

Next Meeting: July 10, 2012