MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, March 15, 2011

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

Members Present: Scott Jones (Chair), Nancy Welcome (Co-Chair), Shea Mulcahy (Secretary), Gerick Allen, Matteo Becchi, Curtis Burrill, Kimberly Bush, Adell Crowe, Victoria Ferrara, Jamie Hardin, Rene Kauder, Soo Kim, Colin Lambert, Nina Manila, Nicole Schoeb, Nancy Welcome, Mark Winek, Wayne Wright

Authorized Absences: Fil Palero, Kristi Plahn Gjersvold, Anna Tauzin

Approval of Meeting Agenda and Minutes of the Previous Meeting
The meeting began at 11:34am. The minutes of the March 1st meeting were approved.

Current Business
a. Staff Council representatives from the Board of Trustees committees spoke on behalf of their designated committees. Scott also informed the group that the proposed overall budget was approved by the board.

b. Nicole and Scott then moderated a conversation regarding By-Laws and revisions. The group discussed member absences and in particular how many should be allowed during a 6-month and yearly period. After discussion, Scott asked that any suggestions be brought to Nicole via email and members come prepared to vote on the by-laws at the next meeting.

c. The Survey Committee is currently tweaking the current document in order to pass it through Staff Council and then eventually on to Karen Froslid Jones. Scott let the group know that the survey currently still has a placeholder for the summer.

d. The Staff Council Newsletter is moving along and more information will be provided by Anna at the next meeting. Jamie also suggested that the first copy of the newsletter needs to be sent out soon since a bunch of large scale and high profile events are happening in the next couple of weeks.

e. The topic regarding a Staff Council Diversity Committee was tabled to the next meeting.

f. Adell informed the group that the Prom Dress Drive was starting this week. It would be held from 11am-2pm this Thursday and Friday and the following Thursday and Friday. All volunteer spots have been filled and she asked the council to remind their constituents about the drive.

g. An update regarding “Use It or Lose It” was tabled until next meeting.

h. Kim spoke to the group about her experience volunteering for Dr Seuss Day. Volunteers read books, drew pictures, and got Dr Seuss hats to wear. There were about 9-10 staff volunteers but all student slots were filled.

i. Scott spoke to the group about his experience volunteering with the Green Roof projects. The roofs are halfway done and now they are in the planning stages. More work involving planting on the roofs should be done around Campus Beautification Day.

New Business
a. Victoria let the group know about her ongoing discussions with Chief McNair & Parking and Transportation regarding a designated walkway in the MGC/Butler parking garage. She is currently reaching out to other schools to see how they implemented it and sharing her findings with Parking & Transportation in the hopes that it could get done.

b. Victoria also asked the council if they would be willing to look into other food options for meetings. After the council agreed to that, Victoria said she would spearhead a search to find other viable cheap food options for meetings.

Suggestions for the Good of the Order
a. Mark let the group know that he was meeting with Dining Services on Friday, March 18th so if anyone had any questions or concerns that they wanted to bring up, please forward those suggestions to him before Friday.

Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 1:05pm.

Next Meeting: April 12, 2010