

Staff Council Meeting May 3, 2011

Introductions of new members

- Approve minutes and treasurer's report (5 minutes)
 - Sara will send April and May minutes
 - Treasurers report- add Sky Sox journal entry from Randy.
 - Motion to approve, second. All approved
- Summer meetings (10 minutes)
 - 2nd Tuesday of the month for June, July and August—at 11:30am. Places will vary pending on locations. Co-chairs will send meeting invites.
- End of year luncheon for Staff Council (10 minutes)
 - New members come to luncheon off campus, and we also do a thank you for council members who are leaving the council.
 - Cost is typically less than \$15/person.
 - Do it prior to the June meeting that we typically select members. Terri will spearhead the lunch and decide date and time. End of May, beginning of June.
 - Moved and seconded, all in favor.
 - Budget set at around \$15/person
- Thank you gifts for departing members (10 minutes)
 - Continue with gift certificates for the downtown partnership?
 - Great idea
 - Moved, seconded, all in favor.
 - Randy will coordinate this.
- Gift/tribute for Dick Celeste (5 minutes)
 - There is a scholarship set up for the Walton Match. Because it's an internal transfer of money—it may not come up as a gift.
 - Creating a scholarship for children of staff, or for staff looking for continued education.
 - Could we do it for staff as a whole, as a professional development fund—perhaps named after President Celeste.
 - All in favor of our gift being something that benefits staff, rather than something that is student centered.
 - Could we give him a staff council shirt with a card for him?
 - We should present this on the 24th of May at the farewell event.
 - Some people like the idea of a financial contribution to a charity or the scholarship.
 - Prefers for it to go towards professional development funds.
 - Celeste Professional Development Fund (\$500/year) sponsored by Staff Council—staff can come with a rolling application to present a request for funds for professional development.
 - This would benefit the Staff Support committee, President Celeste, as well as getting staff additional professional development funds.
 - Staff Council would want to work with Celeste to make sure he is comfortable with this being named after him.

- We will also need to run this by the college to make sure we're covering all details (through Robert and Barbara).
 - We would need to accomplish all of this by the end of June with the our current budget.
 - Some people think we should start this at \$1000, rather than \$500.
- Free lunch Fridays
 - Use some of our money to buy business lunch club cards- and have open invite to campus staff to sit and talk with our staff or just socialize.
 - See how it goes for a bit, and continue if we're able.
 - Seemed to be a popular idea as it was discussed at our last meeting.
 - We need to hammer out details
 - Should this be broken into two different motions?
 - 1. Use our current money and do this as a trial
 - 2. How does staff council continue this?
 - Goal is to listen to people, and build community and morale.
 - We should start small, see how well it goes, continue letting it build.
 - Once a block- free lunch Friday.
 - Caution regarding budget of too many people coming.
 - Could/Should we do it by departments?
 - We already mingle within our departments, we want to mingle with others.
 - Do it in an RSVP mode (1st 10 people).
 - Move to purchase 9 lunch cards, one per block, and an extra for half block, or for extra attendants. This is a total of \$450.
 - Moved, seconded,
 - Ask the question regarding the lunch club cards for next year- Sara will do this.
 - Staff council- we get staff council members present as well. There may be a need for us to buy our own lunches.
 - We will continue this conversation and plan for implementation throughout next meetings—but prior to next year.
- Sky Sox game
 - Should we add to the vouchers? This came up in our meeting a few months ago to discuss.
 - The voucher is used for food purchase. (one voucher per ticket.)
 - This is a cheaper and better way to do it than the buffet and sectioned off area.
 - This also gives us another option because there are 4 tickets per staff, rather than 2.
 - Hopefully we will have tickets together at this time.
 - Can we move this to June to decide? Randy will check to see what their timeline is for this.
 - Move to discuss in June, seconded. All in favor.
- End of year gathering for staff (20 minutes)

- Well attended last year. Happened right after work
 - Spent about \$632.
 - We did this April 14th. Things get crazy in May.
 - We should still do an outing this year. We should get the word out very soon to get good attendance.
 - Can we do South Side Johnnies again? Decent price, well attended.
 - Everyone can buy their own alcohol if they are interested in that.
 - McCabes could be a good option as well, but they don't have a private room.
 - South Side Johnnies—there is an outside hang out area as well.
 - Move to have party at South Side Johnnies- with \$700. Seconded. All in favor
 - Should try to have it before commencement to accommodate for 9 month contracts. OR have it after the ice cream social. We could also do it after commencement and invite the 9 month contracts.
 - There is a private room at Nosh—but it could be more expensive.
 - Use this as a second option.
 - Michelle will call around and look at dates, and send them out electronically.
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- Updates from Strategic planning committees: (30 minutes)
 - Capacity Building
 - Campus Community
 - Staff Support

 - Other Business