

STAFF ASSOCIATION COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, February 11, 2009

MINUTES

Members in Attendance: Colleen Abt, Barbara Adelman, Marissa Arlet, Mary Ellen Carey, Annabelle Clippinger, Rich Colwell, Meg Mayer-Costa, Marilyn DiPaolo, Nam Do, Ken Doty, Jonah McAllister-Erickson, Rick Fabean, Melissa Grzyb, Walt Kalista, Debby Keelan, Gloria Limetti, Jim Lyle, J.P. Matychak, Barbara McMullen, Peggy McNeil, Martania Penn, Gale Podobinski, Carmela Rizzo, Mary Sylvia Sanderlin, Anna Sangl, Joyce Selden, Mike Semcheski, Sherry Shrum, Kathryn Trent, Pam Weid, Dewi Wong, Jean Zamzow

Members Excused: Tammeka Banks, Theresa Benedek, Iruaku Brodie-Mends, Joe Brun, Patti Chioda, Angela Coldren, Janet Coulter, Alisha Shane-Cuniff, Brittany Guthrie, Libby Hilf, Carol Hodgkiss, Betty Homonai, Julia Johnson, Mike Laughlin, Monika Losagio, Babs Mowery, Michelle Page, Lisa Pilewski, Chianti Powe, Fred Schiffer, Kathleen Stell, Janice Stankowicz-Welch, Jennifer Welton, Adriana Maguina-Ugarte, Barbara Zischkau, Steve Zupcic

Members Unexcused: Bill Heller, Beth LaRotonda, Bobbi Jo Rosol, Elaine Springel

Guests: Peter Hart
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Closed Session: 12:00 PM

Open Session: 12:15 PM

Approval of Minutes

- A motion was made by Pam Weid and seconded by Sherry Shrum to accept the minutes of the January 14, 2009 meeting. The minutes were approved.

Officers' Reports

President - Rich Colwell

- Rich had nothing new to report.
- No new policies or procedures were reported for the month of January 2009.

Vice President of Steering - Gwendolyn Watkins

- Gwen reported the SAC subcommittees are functioning well but several committee members are not attending on a regular basis. If a SAC Member joins a committee and then discovers that the committee does not suit them, please contact Gwen or the SAC Office and let them know you would like to change committees. Several committees are in need of members and this information can be provided by the SAC Office.
- A brief discussion was held on attendance at SAC monthly meetings and committee meetings.

Vice President for Marketing and Communications - Angela Coldren

- Angie is on maternity leave. No report was given.

Treasurer - Carol Hodgkiss

- Carol was unable to attend the meeting. No report was given.

Committee Reports

Benefits - Sherry Shrum/Steve Zupcic

- Sherry had nothing new to report
- A joint meeting of the Benefits and Salary and Job Classification Committees is scheduled for Friday, February 13, 2009 in 400 Craig Hall.

Elections - Annabelle Clippinger

- A meeting of the Elections Committee was held on February 3, 2009.
- One item the committee discussed was the section of the Bylaws that states the Election Committee is asked to determine guidelines for diversity of the Staff Association Council in regards to department representations. The committee has begun taking inventory of what procedures were followed fifteen years ago. Mary Beth has been doing research into the breakdown of demographics at the University of Pittsburgh. The committee has no plans to take action on the current members. According to the Bylaws, the SAC membership is limited to 75 and currently there are 13 applications that have been received for membership to SAC.

- Nominations for SAC Officer positions will be accepted until the May 20, 2009 SAC meeting. Oral nominations will be accepted at the May meeting. New SAC members will be eligible to vote in the upcoming election.
- The Elections Committee is holding a “Bring Your Fellow Oakland University Staff Member to the March 11, 2009 SAC Meeting”. The committee hopes this will help to generate interest among staff and encourage them to become members.

Governance Committee - Peggy McNeil

- A February Governance Committee meeting will not be held. At the March 12, 2009, meeting the committee will discuss Article VII (Officers Section), Section 11, 1 & 2, regarding selection of Elections Committee chairs and members.

Grievance Committee - Carol Hodgkiss/Rich Colwell

- Carol was unable to attend the meeting. No report was given.

Marketing and Communications - Libby Hilf

- Libby was unable to attend the meeting. No report was given.
- A meeting of the Marketing and Communications Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, February 17, 2009 from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the William Pitt Student Union.

Program and Planning - Marissa Arlet/Anna Sangl

- For their 2009 Holiday Projects, the SAC Program and Planning Committee will collect and purchase books to donate to Children’s Hospital and various other children’s agencies. In addition, they will continue their Blankets of Love Project. The committee is selling Sarris Easter Candy to raise funds to support the projects. The candy order forms and money must be turned into the SAC Office by Wednesday, March 11, 2009. The delivery date for the candy will be Monday, April 6, 2009. Monetary contributions are also being accepted to support the projects.
- The Spring Assembly is scheduled for April 8, 2009 from 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. and will be a “market place” format with a health and wellness theme.
- The annual Pitt Kennywood Day is scheduled for Saturday, August 1, 2009. Further information will be forthcoming.
- The Oakland Campus will host the annual Council of Campus Meeting on Wednesday, June 3, 2009 and Thursday, June 4, 2009. On June 3, the SAC Officers will host a dinner for the regional officers. The committee is

investigating the possibility of using the University Club for the dinner. On June 4, the day will begin with breakfast in the Galleria of Alumni Hall followed by a tour of the Nationality Rooms in the Cathedral of Learning. The group will then go to the William Pitt Student Union for lunch and a meeting. The meeting is set to conclude by 3:00 p.m.

- The next meeting of the Program and Planning Committee is scheduled for Thursday, March 5, 2009 from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Research and Information - Jennifer Welton

- Jennifer is on maternity leave. No report was given.

Safety and Security - Fred Schiffer/Ken Doty

- The Safety and Security Committee had nothing new to report.
- A meeting the Safety and Security Committee is scheduled for Thursday, February 26, 2009 in Room 634 Benedum Hall.

Salary and Job Classification - Monika Losagio/Barbara Adelman

- Monika was unable to attend the meeting. No report was given.

Other Reports

- No other reports were given.

Regional Reports

Old Business

- No old business was reported.

New Business

- No new business was reported.

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 PM.

Future Meeting

- The next meeting of the Staff Association Council will be held on Wednesday, March 11, 2009 in Room 1175 Benedum Hall

Respectfully Submitted

Elisabeth Hilf
Interim Vice President for Marketing and Communications