Staff Advisory Council for CVPA
Minutes of meeting
November 15, 2007
10:00 - 11:00 am
Deans Conference Room

Attending: Mary Kuka-Marchese, chair; Craig Chambers, Robert Cortes, Barbara Frank, Cameron Greenhaw, Susie Shannon

Absent: Amy Fletcher, Diane LaRocca

Distributed: Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 10:11 a.m.

New Business

Winter Party
It was decided that the 2nd week in December (finals week) would be the best time to have our covered dish Winter Party. The date was tentatively set for noon on Friday, Dec. 14, pending Robert’s inquiry into potential conflicts with department parties. Robert will send an email invitation, will coordinate food contributions and solicit suggestions for videos, games and activities. Barbara volunteered to ask Irineo for suggestions.

December Meeting
All agreed to cancel the December meeting due to planning for the Winter Party. The next meeting is scheduled for January 17.

Outstanding Staff Award
On behalf of the awards committee, Mary will encourage nominations for the Outstanding Staff Award.

New Members
Mary encouraged everyone to recruit new members, asking each council member to personally invite an individual. Cameron said that the announcement of the meeting was helpful.

Building Maintenance
Barbara asked if the Council could respond to deficient building maintenance. In the ensuing discussion, it was decided that Barbara would solicit information from the various units as to the problems they are encountering, that Mary would talk to Barton about the processes involved and that Susie would ask about building maintenance evaluations done by Physical Plant. Barbara suggested further that funds be earmarked for annual deep-cleaning.

Old Business

USPS Senate Meetings
Amy was unable to attend the November meeting. Susie is scheduled to attend the December 11th Senate meeting.

Committee Reports

Awards Committee
Outstanding staff awards were discussed under New Business. Mary will post an email about Quiet Quality, reminding people of the $100 offered by the Dean for awardees.

Communications Committee
Barbara has begun updating the website
She has started announcing Staff Council meetings to the CVPA USPS list, inviting all to participate.

Leadership Council
No meeting; no report.
Social/Membership Committee
• The Bowling party did not happen as scheduled, but Robert will send out an invitation for an evening during the 1st week of December.

USPS Senate Report
• No report.

Union Report
• The proposal by the staff collective bargaining team that all non-monetary parts of the contract be discussed and dispensed of in one final meeting has been ignored by management, who responded by asking the union to schedule multiple meetings. The Union team has refused and has informed management of their plans to bring in a federal mediator.
• A hearing was recently held to resolve the impasse between management and the union in Manatee County School District. The magistrate ruled in favor of the union, upholding the right of workers to grieve their disciplinary actions before a neutral body, a decision that bodes well for similar issues at USF.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:01 am

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