Staff Advisory Council for CVPA  
Minutes of meeting  
January 17, 2008  
10:15 - 11:15 am  
Music Conference Room

Attending: Mary Kuka-Marchese, chair; Craig Chambers, Robert Cortes, Amy Fletcher, Barbara Frank, Diane LaRocca, Gloria Quigley, Susie Shannon

Distributed: Agenda, Amendment One flyers and letters

Absent: Cameron Greenhaw

The meeting was called to order at 10:23 a.m.

**New Business**

*Elections*

The meeting was turned over to Diane after she was unanimously approved as *ex officio* over the election of new officers. The following nominations were made, seconded and accepted:

Sergeant at Arms: Barbara Frank  
Secretary: Susie Shannon  
Chair: Mary Kuka

The committee agreed that voting in an election with no opposing candidates would be superfluous and charged Diane with issuing an email explanation to eligible voters.

*Online Blog/Newsletter*

The committee discussed ideas for creative endeavors, articles, features and items of interest by and to staff to be published in an online blog or newsletter. It was decided that a blog would be the best method of delivery. Craig volunteered to head up the initiative with Mary’s assistance.

*Spring Parties/Activities*

Robert agreed to look for putt-putt locations and bowling alleys with appropriate group plans and will bring ideas and dates to the next AC meeting. An end-of-the-year party was proposed to be held during the last week of classes.

**Old Business**

*Outstanding Staff Awards*

Mary announced that February 8 is the deadline to submit nominations for the Outstanding Staff Award.

*Recruiting New Members*

It was agreed that efforts to encourage new members to attend should be continued. Mary reminded everyone that OPS employees were also eligible to participate.

**Committee Reports**

*Awards Committee*

- Mary encouraged anyone taking classes to apply for a faculty/staff scholarship to help pay for books.

*Communications Committee*

- No meeting; no report.

*Leadership Council*

- No meeting; no report.

*Social/Membership Committee*

- See Spring Parties/Activities above
USPS Senate Report

- Barbara attended the Staff Senate meeting, reporting that a guest speaker gave a Power Point presentation on the new Marshall Center, which included the news that one million dollars will be spent on a fountain decorated with bronze bulls projected to be a recruitment incentive. More information is available at ctr.usf.edu.
- Meetings seem to consist of a guest speaker followed by a report from Senate President, Sarah Connelly and each committee chair.
- The budget was addressed and is expected to be bleaker than previously forecast, including a permanent 8% decrease in July.
- A softball event is being planned by the Senate.
- The next speaker is coming from Parking Services to address the loss of parking for the College of Visual & Performing Arts. The AC agreed that this event should be announced to the entire College, and Susie volunteered to ask Amy, the Staff Senate Subcommittee Chair, to request the agenda from Sarah Connelly.

Union Report

- Collective bargaining sessions are now being attended by a federal mediator. All non-financial issues will be brought to impasse positions within two more sessions.
- AFSCME, along with its parent union, AFL-CIO, is opposing the property tax cut amendment, which will have the effect of eliminating public employee jobs and public services. An informational mailing is planned.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 am

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