Staff Advisory Council for CVPA  
Minutes of meeting  
April 17, 2008  
10:30 - 11:30 am  
Dean’s Conference Room

Attending: Mary Kuka-Marchese, chair; Robert Cortes, Amy Fletcher, Barbara Frank, Susie Shannon

Distributed: Agenda

Absent: Cameron Greenhaw, Diane LaRocca, Gloria Quigley

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m.

New Business  
Staff Senate  
Mary encouraged members to nominate themselves else for the Senate. Susie said this Senate president is more Union-friendly than past presidents. Barbara is considering serving. Service is for a 2-year term. Senators are required to attend a 2-hour monthly meeting and sit on one committee. Mary volunteered to email staff to encourage participation.

Graduation Celebration  
Graduation Celebration is on May 2nd this year. All are invited.

Budget/College Restructuring  
Discussion covered the question of whether the restructuring is a distraction from, as opposed to an actual solution to, the budget cuts, whether it will be an avenue to increase layoffs and whether we will end up with more or fewer colleges.

Robert informed us that FIU is cutting 200 people. All are hoping that the University's desire to be a member of AAU will protect our College.

Amy offered to forward an article from one of the local newspapers on how the Florida legislature is harming higher education. She also reminded us that the restructuring may also open up creativity at the University.

All agreed we should revisit the subject as the restructuring goes forward.

Diversity Climate Survey  
Amy reported that the College Diversity Council is doing a climate survey for faculty and wants to do one for staff as well. Barton is asking for representatives from the staff to work with the faculty involved. Susie volunteered. Amy will send faculty survey.

Old Business  
Cinco de Mayo Party  
We have a $100 budget. Mary is going to compare caterer’s food amounts for about 30 people to be sure there is enough money to provide lunch for everyone. All staff, administrative workers, directors and the dean to be invited. A menu was discussed.

Pet Contest  
More pictures are needed. Please encourage others to participate.

Committee Reports  
Awards Committee  
- Mary encouraged Quiet Quality Award nominations.
Communications Committee
• Barbara is keeping the website updated.

Leadership Council
• No meeting; no report.

Social/Membership Committee
• The next bowling party is set for Wednesday, May 14th.
• Mireya has offered her compound for a summer covered-dish party.

USPS Senate Report
• Mary was out sick the day of the meeting.

Union Report
• Contract negotiations continue on hold until after the Florida Legislative session.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am

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