Staff Advisory Council for CVPA
Minutes of meeting
May 15, 2008
10:00 - 11:00 am
Dean’s Conference Room

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

Distributed: Agenda

Absent: Cameron Greenhaw, Diane LaRocca, Gloria Quigley

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

New Business

Guest Speakers
Mary introduced the idea of inviting guest speakers to address items of interest to the staff. Subjects included: Benefits tips, Safe Zone, and Campus Recreation services. All agreed it was an idea that would benefit the staff of the College. Barbara volunteered to help Mary coordinate workshop times by communicating with council members.

University-wide Committees
There are still committee seats that have not been filled. Amy volunteered to be on the Sexual Orientation Committee. Susie agreed to consider the Title IX committee.

Diversity Climate Survey
The Diversity Climate Survey designed specifically for staff is due in the Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity by May 19. All were strongly encouraged to respond.

Office Stores
Susie reported that Office Stores is being contracted out and the president and chief negotiator of the staff union has received notice that he is being laid off. There is a meeting Monday, May 19th at 5pm in the CVPA Dean’s Conference Room.

Old Business

Pet Contest
The Pet Photo Contest is going well. The deadline to play is June 1st.

Committee Reports

Awards Committee
• Quiet Quality Award information was forwarded by the staff senate and reforwarded by our Dean. All were encouraged to submit nominations. Five awardees will receive $100 prizes from the College.

Communications Committee
• Barbara is keeping the website updated.

Leadership Council
• No meeting; no report.

Social/Membership Committee
• The Cinco de Mayo party was a success.
• The bowling party has yet to come together and presents difficulties as teams of 4 must be assembled to get the price break. Putt-putt golf was suggested as an alternative. Robert will get back to us on what he finds out.
• Mireya has offered her compound for a summer covered-dish party. A Luau-themed August welcome back party was suggested. Robert will talk to Mireya about possible dates.
USPS Senate Report

- Amy was unable to attend the meeting. Susie is scheduled for the June meeting and has set up several reminders to be sure she makes it.
- Mary read the following items from the minutes of the March Staff Senate meeting:
  - 2 staff senators sat on the Budget Priorities Task Force.
  - The University is offering Office Depot an exclusive contract to sell office furniture and supplies, eliminating bidding and forcing all purchases to be ordered from this single vendor as part of the outsourcing of Office Stores.
  - Google will begin managing the University student email service. Google also scans every email and is guided by the Open Records law.
  - Mary said that the employee email switch to IT seems to have prevented some email from getting through with the message that the content is not allowed, indicating the presence of more filtering than in the past.
- Susie will attend next Senate meeting, take notes and compare her notes with the minutes to assess the value of attending meetings.
- The president will be addressing Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, Student Government, and the Board of Trustees regarding our current budget situation. It was agreed that staff should attempt to attend as many meetings addressing the budget cuts as possible.

Union Report

- Contract negotiations continue on hold until after the Florida Legislative session.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 am

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