

All Staff Council Executive Meeting
November 11, 2009
Olmsted – 2pm

Attendees: Michelle Laughlin, Margaret Crawford, Joe Scavo, Patti Verlengia, Marilea Chase, Suzanne Brown and Debra Wiley.

Opening announcements:

- Comments were shared about the Futures II Conference. Since Michelle, as President of the ASC, will be part of the committee to review the proposal and as of the meeting a date for the review was not determined.
- Margaret and Susan reported about their participation with All University Council. They shared that their recent meeting included the idea of adopting a university ombudsperson.

Agenda topics

- A. New Hire Orientation – next one will be November 17th and each committee will have a representative there.
- B. Staff Member Obituary announcements – Margaret reported that one topic at the communication subcommittee meeting was the idea that the university reports on emeriti faculty that have passed away but do we do that for former staff. Debra explained that if she is aware, she will share with marketing and the department the deceased worked for. The concern was about who to include or excluded based on set parameters such as ‘retired’ staff or staff that work at the university for 20 years or something like that.
- C. Grapevine – The question is how many staff are aware of the existence of this communication feature and how to access it. The Communication committee will work to include that in some announcements.
- D. General Morale of the university – Michelle asked the groups opinion about the level of morale on campus. Some agree that there are issues and the group did a little brainstorming of some ways ASC might be able to help improve it.
- E. Governance – Policy for role of member at large and making sure that all committees remember to include that member (aka – Patty) in meeting announcements. The group also was asked about the policy for submitting/voting on proposals that the ASC would send to other groups on campus. Governance will continue to work on such a policy
- F. Holiday Breakfast – Debra reiterated that it would be Dec 10th from 8-9:30 in the Olmsted – Pomerantz area. The Recognition committee would also make their presentation at that time as well as ASC collecting hats/mittens for DSM area children.

Next Meeting January 20, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Breakenridge