

All Staff Council Executive Board Minutes September 21, 2006

The Executive board of the All Staff Council met Wednesday, September 21, 2005 in Levitt Hall.

Chair Suzanne Brown called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

Members present: Suzanne Brown, Margaret Corkrean, Angela Embree, Bill Jensen, Karen Pomeroy, Dolph Pulliam, Mary Reilly-Hoefling [Quorum = 5]

Members absent: Brad Toussaint, Patti Verlengia

Staff members and guests present: none

The board reviewed and approved the August 2005 minutes.

Report from Human Resources

Suzanne Brown provided a report from Vanessa Macro verifying the announcements from Fall Convocation concerning Drake's 125th birthday. All staff will have the Wednesday before Thanksgiving off or will receive holiday pay, one complimentary polo or oxford shirt can be ordered by faculty and staff; and a 125th birthday party is being planned at the Science Center of Iowa for the spring semester.

Report from subcommittee – Communications

Mary Reilly-Hoefling reported the ASC rules will be posted to the HR website as a PDF, and linked from the ASC website. The committee has determined responsibilities for the year and we will be working with the other committees to update the web site and advertise events.

ASC will also be featured in the next ON CAMPUS with a list of the committees and a link to the ASC website.

Report from Subcommittee – Governance

Karen Pomeroy and Angela Embree reported the following assignments: Susan Breakenridge will serve on the University's Sexual Harassment Committee, Robert Harlan and Marilea Chase will serve on the University's Benefits Committee. A question was raised on whether the Benefits Committee position could be elected as opposed to appointed. Policies will be reviewed for further discussion.

The committee is discussing the viability of holding spring ASC balloting and elections online through MYDUSIS in the spring. One area of concern is how to reach staff who do not have Drake e-mail accounts or access to MYDUSIS.

Report from Subcommittee – Recognition

Bill Jensen reported that the True Blue Recognition will continue through the 2005-2006 year, with the Bulldog award for the department winner and the True Blue phone for the individual winner. Nominations deadlines are October 28, 2005, January 27, 2006, and May 5, 2006.

Report from Subcommittee – Special Events/Community Service

Dolph Pulliam reported on the strong faculty and staff turnout for the Marti Gras – themed student fundraiser for Hurricane Katrina victims. Special thanks was given to Sodexo for their donation of food for this event. All proceeds will be donated to the American Red Cross.

The next staff event is Fall Pumpkin Fest, scheduled for Wednesday, October 19 in the Olmsted Center from 1-3 p.m. Staff is invited to decorate pumpkins for display and judging. Judges for this event are: Pres. Maxwell, Diane Caldbeck, Melissa Sturm Smith, Brett Saddoris and Jacqui DiGiacinto. (Updated following Exec Meeting.)

Unfinished Business:

Suzanne Brown verified Margaret Corkrean and Brad Toussaint have been appointed to the Provost's committee on development of faculty/staff space at the Point.

New business:

A request was made to Vanessa Macro to pursue the option of setting up a Ride Board for faculty and staff. Discussion was held on using the bulletin board on the ASC site.

Dolph Pulliam mentioned the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) contacted Drake a few years ago concerning car pooling options in light of interstate construction. At that time, IDOT provided a distribution map showing the clustering of Drake employees by zip code. Angela Embree volunteered to provide zip code information for current staff, and Dolph agreed to take the information back to IDOT for an updated distribution map. Suzanne will work with Vanessa to determine the best way to connect interested parties in light of privacy issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2005, at 1:30 p.m. in Levitt Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Reilly-Hoefling, Chair-elect