

October 14, 2011

9:00am

Staff Assembly Council Meeting

Present: Maureen Scoones, Linda Michels, Anne Riffle, Diane Brady, Lisa Magnarelli, Amy James and Regina Johnson

Absent: Jay Bonham and Tony Poccia

I. Staff Assembly Meeting discussion

We had approximately 250 people. The food was good.

Questions asked of Council members:

1. Will the makeup of the Council (single, married, widowed, etc.) be regulated? It is our thought that it has simply happened with the current council and that it should not be structured
2. Does the Council have a vote in passing the bylaws? Yes. Amy James asked about the manner in which we voted and if we would vote on other items in the same way. The concern being that some might be nervous about saying "No" in that type of venue. We will not always do a show of hands. Online ballots or the "clickers" that the faculty uses can be utilized.
3. The Council felt Steve Stemkoski did a good job discussing health insurance.
4. Maureen is getting good feedback about the website.

II. Next Staff Assembly meeting discussion

1. Should we have another before the end of the semester without Senior Officers OR should we do an end of term brief, informal program with more of a "mix & mingle" with food?
2. Show the video produced for Bicentennial celebration.
3. Food drive during the meeting with donations going to either Clark Mills or Waterville food pantry. Amy James will look into which one has the greater need as we get closer. Amy also suggested that we do a food salvage after the meeting. In addition, do we want to check on the OD wish list?
4. Should we change the menu? Ask Café Opus
5. Possible date for next meeting is December 13th.

III. Future Assembly meeting topics

1. Wellness. Where do the senior officers stand on the topic? Is there an Ad Hoc Committee for Wellness? Ask Dave Thompson to present at our next Assembly meeting and ask for volunteers. Committee to create a proposal. Should we set up a survey? Ask Dave if we could set up a raffle and the winner would be a free one hour training session with one of the College's trainers? Linda Michels volunteered to chair the Ad Hoc wellness committee and Amy James said she would help. We should ask Dave to attend

our November 11th meeting to discuss the December 13th agenda. *10/14/11, Linda Michels confirmed that Dave Thompson will attend the meeting.*

It was suggested that we should remind the community about the Healthy Advocate program and that we should contact LuAnn Zaleski for more information.

2. Campus Climate Survey
- IV. During the Assembly meeting an Assembly member asked what happened to the Ombudsperson program. The faculty dropped the discussion. Linda Michels says that academic council is waiting on the Council. Lisa Magnarelli will invite Margie Thickestun to our next meeting. Maureen has resent the original message from Margie that Regina forwarded to the Council.
- V. A brief discussion about the College's policies on smoking and dogs ensued.
- VI. Feedback Tracker
The Council decided that we will use a feedback tracker like the Staff Advisory Council uses to keep the Assembly apprised of the questions asked, where the Council stands on getting them answered and documenting the answers to them. Regina will create the document and publish it to the website. Current tracker items will be: Ombudsperson query, Campus Climate Survey; Wellness Ad Hoc committee, and notifications to the Assembly about standing committees.
- VII. Nomination of standing committee chairs

Nominations committee	Jay Bonham
Communications committee	Regina Johnson
Employment Environment and Professional Development committee	Anne Riffle
Ad Hoc wellness committee	Linda Michels

Meeting adjourned 10:00am. Next meeting is October 28th at 9am.