

STAFF ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES
March 12, 2008

PRESENT

Barbara Dessureau, Evelyn Haldimann, Ellen Levasseur, Maria Marques, Jim Mello, Lisa Parker, Jason Pomposelli, Jennifer Sanborn, Jennifer Scaia, Bonny Stoecklin, Lois Vanesse, Linda Zigmont

SPEAKER

Jennifer Scaia, Senior Assistant Director of Residential Life, gave an overview of the room selection process. Selection process begins on April 10th for those students squatting (staying in the same room) and April 12th for the rest of the students. Students are given numbers/time slots which are based on their status and the number of credits they have. Numbers start at 10,001. Students eligible for medical housing are placed before the April 12th date. Summer housing is available for students in Complexes C and D. There was discussion about the cost of summer housing and whether it is possible to get a discounted rate for those students taking classes but also working on campus. Jennifer said that no decision had been made yet regarding this issue.

OLD BUSINESS

Jim Mello is formulating a summary of the meetings of the ad hoc group exploring telecommuting for staff employees.

Three SA members have agreed to be on the Traffic Appeals Committee, Jim Mello, Vanessa Nkrumam and Evelyn Haldimann. Sue Landolina will be meeting with the group to explain the process.

Jason sent a letter to Walt addressing the issue that there was not a separate time for staff members to meet the provost candidates. President Harrison apologized for the oversight.

Thank you to all the staff association members who took time from their busy schedules to attend the meetings.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

There were no committee reports.

NEW BUSINESS

Jason has asked Joe Voelker to come to the April staff association meeting to speak about the strategic plan for the university.

Community Day is April 19th and the committee is asking if the Staff Association would like to volunteer to give out tree saplings if available or have a booth in which children could plant sunflower seeds in a biodegradable cup. The SA will utilize Survey Monkey to see if the staff association members are interested in participating.

There was a discussion as to whether we should approach the university about the Staff Association obtaining official status in which we would have an operating budget from the university and the staff association would include every staff member. As of today there are 154 SA members which is about 25% of the university staff. There will be further discussion of this issue at the next SA meeting.

Next meeting will be April 9th, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. in the Simsbury Suite, GSU 335.

Linda Zigmont
Recording Secretary