

**STAFF ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES**  
**April 9, 2008**

**PRESENT**

Eli Cherry, Barbara Dessureau, Carla Fuller, Donna Galin, Lynn Galvin, Liz Inkel, Ellen Levasseur, Jim Mello, Lisa Parker, Jason Pomposelli, Sandi O'Donnell, Jennifer Sanborn, Jan Stephens, Bonny Stoecklin, Lois Vanesse, Connie Yoczik, Linda Zigmont

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Previous SA meeting minutes were approved. Joe Voelker will not be speaking at this meeting; the draft of the strategic plan will not be approved until September. Jason will schedule a meeting for Joe to speak at the beginning of the next school year.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Jason brought up for discussion whether the SA should approach the University for Official Status. This would mean that all staff would become members of the Staff Association, there would be no dues and the SA would ask the university for a small operating budget. There was an extensive discussion of how staff view the SA, do we want to be a social organization or one that discusses staff issues and enacts change? It was suggested that the SA could be both. Some suggestions were to have an HRD staff member at every meeting to answer questions that arise during meetings and to have SA president meet with university leadership on a monthly basis. The SA will be sending out a survey to membership about this issue.

Jim Mello presented a summary of the Telework Subcommittee which is attached.

**SPEAKER**

Irwin Nussbaum, Associate Vice President for Student Life, spoke about the new Freshman Success Center. The center will be located in the rear of B-Complex on the residential side of campus and will be a place where first-year students can go for advice, information and support to help them successfully make the transition to college life. Freshman students will be able to stop by the center, without an appointment, to have questions answered, learn about campus activities and events or speak to someone about concerns or frustrations. Center staff will help students find assistance in such areas as career internships, health and wellness, financial aid, Greek life, sports as well guidance and referral in such areas as study skills and academic support services.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Jason gave a brief overview of the SA events of the past year.

- Membership is 154 which includes 36 new members
- Thanksgiving luncheon – 198 lbs of food donated
- Enacted policy change in reference to notifying supervisor of on campus job interview
- SA Basketball game events (special seating)

The annual BBQ was very successful except for the bees. It was suggested that the next BBQ be held in the picnic area by Konover.

The University of Hartford will be hosting the Connecticut Special Olympics on May 10 and are in need of volunteers, anyone interested please contact Jason.

The Benefits Task Force is currently evaluating the issue of PTO (Paid Time Off).

**There will be no meeting in May. Next meeting will be June 11 in GSU 331.**

Linda Zigmont  
Recording Secretary