

## **STAFF ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES**

### **October 8, 2008**

#### **PRESENT**

Ellie Cherry, Judy Chestnut, Barbara Dessureau, Nancy Fields, Carla Fuller, Lynn Galvin, Ellen Levasseur, Lisa Parker, Lynn Pasquerella, Jason Pomposelli, Jennifer Sanborn, Barbara Schwartz, Bonny Stoecklin, Lois Vanesse, Martha Whitehead, Linda Zigmont

#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Previous minutes approval tabled.

#### **SPEAKERS**

Lynn Pasquerella, Provost, spoke on a variety of subjects including the Strategic Plan, Facilities Master Plan (space issues), and Difficult Dialog: Reflecting on Difference, which is a series of conversations on diversity, unity and difference. The goal of this program is to have a forum where we can reflect on what we can do to promote a more just community, both inside and outside of academia. Lynn hopes to offer this program to staff next semester. Lynn also stayed and participated in the open discussion part of the meeting.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- The new Staff Association representative appointed to the BAT (Budget Advisory Team) is Sharon Scorso.
- Jason will be meeting with Melanie Angel, Athletics Ticket Manager, to set up dates for SA night at both a Men's and Women's Basketball game.
- The SA will send out surveymonkey asking SA members questions about the functions of the SA and what direction they would like to see the SA take. Also, whether there should be co-chairs for SA president with one non-exempt and one exempt staff member.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- The library submitted an idea to the SA to have bikes available on campus for staff and students to use to ride from one side of campus to the other. The SA Executive Board will research this and, if feasible send out a survey monkey to see if anyone is interested in being on a committee to further investigate this idea.
- Another suggestion from the library was to have the university work with United Health Care to offer flu shots here on campus for out \$10 co-pay instead of having to go to the doctor or health services. This idea will be brought to the BTF (Benefits Task Force)

#### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

A lengthy open discussion on a variety of topics and concerns of SA members:

- The proposed automated time sheet system. (Jason has had meetings with Kim Kennison regarding the proposed automated time sheet and will follow-up with an email to the SA.
- Where should staff go with concerns?
- SA members would also like to have a stronger presence on different committees, as they feel that their voice is often not heard.

Next meeting will be the SA Turkey Luncheon at the 1877 on Wednesday, November 19 at 11:30 am.

Linda Zigmont  
Recording Secretary