

# University of Hartford Staff Association

## Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2009

### **PRESENT**

Marge Arnold, Bonny Barsi, Lisa Belanger, Tina Berrien, Beverly Carrier, Elinor Cherry, Judy Chestnut, Nancy Clubb, Barbara Dessureau, Mary Dowst, Carla Fuller, Donna Galin, Lynn Galvin, Walter Gibson, Evelyne Haldimann, Marlene Hall, Jamie Harlow, Walter Harrison, Kathleen Hayden, Sally Henowitz, Diana Horn, Jane Horvath, Jenn Keyo, Robert King, Sue Landolina, Nancy Lilliquist, Cheryl MacMath, Jim Mello, Paula Poplawski, Jennifer Sanborn, Jillian Vollentine, Kit Webb, Connie Yoczik, Linda Zigmont, Dawn Zumbroski

### **VALUES STATEMENT DISCUSSION**

Today's meeting was dedicated to a discussion of the University of Hartford's Report of the Values Committee which was distributed on April 15, 2009. The Values Statement is:

At the University of Hartford we are committed to community. We are an academic community that values integrity, curiosity, creativity, excellence, responsibility, and accomplishment. Enriched by our diversity and our engagement with one another, we take pride in our shared traditions and experiences. We are dedicated to building a culture that respects all of its members and celebrates their contributions as we work together to strengthen our community.

President Walter Harrison and the Senior Advisor to the President, Jane Horvath, prefaced the discussion with an overview that the Values Statement primarily pertains to University of Hartford faculty, staff, and students. It is meant to be both descriptive and aspirational. It describes where we are today and where we would like to be in the future. It challenges us to create a culture where we all work together to build the community. We will need to rethink how we currently do things and ask ourselves if there are better ways to reach our goals. Are we taking advantage of all opportunities available to us? Our day-to-day experiences need to be examined in terms of promoting the Values Statement message.

President Harrison and Jane then opened the discussion to questions and comments.

President Harrison and Jane Horvath closed the meeting by encouraging all to email them with further questions, suggestions, and comments. Walter's email address is [horky@hartford.edu](mailto:horky@hartford.edu) and Jane's address is [horvath@hartford.edu](mailto:horvath@hartford.edu).

**The meeting adjourned at 12:33 p.m. The next meeting will be November 11, 2009, at 1:00 p.m., in The Gengras Student Union, Room 335.**

Judy Chestnut  
Recording Secretary