Staff Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2015

Call to Order: The meeting of the Staff Advisory Committee (SAC) was called to order at 12:00 pm by Chair Yvonne McCool. Yvonne welcomed members, visitors and guests with a reflection.

Announcements

- Blue Santa arrived to collect the toys donated by the SAC membership. This was the best year so far for donations. Thank you.
- Yvonne announced that all our committee positions are now filled. She thanked the membership for their willingness to volunteer and welcomed members to volunteer on any of our sub-committees.
- Membership is almost at 140.
- Tomorrow (November 20) is the last day for open enrollment.
- Battle for the Boot begins December 1. Six schools will participate: SLU, Washington University, UMSL, Fontbonne, Maryville and Principia (Illinois). The challenge for this year is 15,000 pounds of shoes for all schools combined. The goal for SLU is 7,500 pounds.
- SAC is collecting items for Christmas packages to be sent to deployed troops. Along with toiletry items, we are asking for Christmas cards and donations to cover the postage. Boxes will be packed on December 5 at the H.E.R.O.E.S.Care warehouse.

Minutes: The minutes of the October, 2015 meeting were approved.

Members Present: Charlotte Avett, Michael Bamber, Kathy Barbeau, Sharon Biddle-Ferrell, Renee Bolling, Susan Brown, Alexis Bruce-Staudt, Judi Buncher, Lauren Davis, Dawn DeLaria, Daria Dietz, JoAnn Filla-Taylor, Karen Fox, Jennifer Franey, Peter Garvin, Beth Glauber, Jan Herweg, Delia King, Elisabeth King, Kavitha Krishnarao, Kevin Leslie, Stacy Mack, Yvonne McCool, Patricia McQueen, Rachel Millinger, Lora Mueller, Jana Newell, Mary Lou Pereira, LaVerne Robinson, Colleen Schneider, Sue Stevens, Rita Stites, Zack Thatcher, Patty Valentine, Regina Walton, Cyn Wise, Meme Wolff, and Cathy Zimmer.


FUZE Attendees-Visitors: Maggie Callon, Mary Cook, Diane Goebel, Dawn Hui, Deborah Pratt, Lisa Roach and Nancy Young.
Monthly Spotlight:

Dr. Nancy Brickhouse, Provost

Dr. Brickhouse thanked SAC for inviting her to the meeting, and explained that her responsibility as Provost is to oversee the academic work of the institution. She discussed opportunities and challenges in the coming year, and her appreciation for everyone’s commitment to our mission. She really likes Q&A, and answered questions from the members in attendance and via FUZE.

Dr. Jonathan Smith, Special Assistant to the President for Diversity and Community Engagement

Dr. Smith thanked SAC for the invitation to speak, and explained his role as the new Special Assistant to the President. The Office for Diversity and Community Engagement began July 1, 2015 and Dr. Smith eagerly shared the information on multiple projects already underway. The community engagement inventory is a list of 317 projects currently being conducted throughout the University community. The primary item on his desk is the implementation of the Clock Tower Accords. Four new working groups have been established to engage all University stakeholders. He is visiting all groups on campus to share the mission and goals of his office. He answered questions from the members and invited future questions be sent to him via email.

Jim Moran, Assistant VP Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness

Mr. Moran thanked SAC for inviting him to speak, and began by polling the members to learn how many had actually attended any of the training offered by his department. His department is available to provide training to departments, and he encouraged employees to participate. He discussed the recent crimes near campus, and reminded us it is a shared responsibility to report crime or suspicious activity. For employees who work late, please call DPSSS for an escort to your vehicle. DPSSS’s incident log is on their website. His department has 80 trained officers patrolling campus. He answered questions from the members and again encouraged us to participate in training.

- The next SAC meeting is our Christmas Potluck on Thursday, December 17, 2015, in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Allied Health Building. Lunch will begin at 11:30 am, and the business meeting will begin at 12 pm. A google sign-up sheet will be sent out to the membership to sign up for the potluck.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Stites