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Staff Advisory Committee
Saint Louis University

Meeting Minutes for Thursday, March 17, 2022
Zoom – 12:00-1:15 pm

Members & Guests Present:

Benjamin de Foy       Justin Smith       Mindy Lewis
Brooks Goedeker       Karen Bolinger     Missi White-Luster
Cathy Baumann         Kari Gaskill       Patricia McQueen
Courtney Neal         Kathryn Dortch     Rhonda Arl
Dawn Schwartz         Kristin Hrasky     Riley Coyle
Deanna Miller         Kristina Bryan     Sara Rae Womack
Delia King            Loretta Edwards    Sharon Spicer
Diane Goebel          Maggie Callon      Sheila Byers
Donna Neely            Maisha Flannel    Sherry Ashford
Eric Royer            Mark Longden      Steven Tinge
Andrea Flynn           Mary Drexel       Sue Stevens
Heidi Moore            Mary Lou Pereira   Susan Ganey
Judith Buncher        Matt Campbell     Tammy Grant
Judith Pierce          Matt Krob         Tammy Williams
Julie Miller           Matt Olwig

Call to Order 12:00 and Reflection: Sue Stevens called the meeting to order and as a reflection, used a quote from Marcus Aurelius.

"Train your mind to see the good in everything. Positivity is a choice. The happiness of your life depends on the quality of your thoughts."

Minutes: Minutes from the February 17, 2022, meeting were approved.

Monthly Spotlight 1:
• Ben de Foy, Ph.D., Professor, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences
• "Laudato si’ Action Platform
  o President’s Working Group
    ▪ Benjamin de Foy, Christy Hicks Aydt, Matthew Baugh SJ
• Provided global background information
• Pope Francis’ Appeal to Take Action: the Laudato si’ issued in 2015 and decision to relaunch
• 7-year journey towards integral ecology with 7 groups and 7 goals
 Goals
- Response to the cry of the earth
- Response to the cry of the poor
- Ecological economics
- Sustainable lifestyles
- Ecological education
- Ecological spirituality
- Community engagement & participatory action

 Websites to do a deep dive on the goals and action plans
- https://laudatosiuniversities.com/
- https://laudatosiactionplatform.org/

 Implementation Structures
- Program coordinator
  - Compared to director of the Center for Sustainability at other universities
  - Convenes the working group
  - Reports to the VP of DICE
- Working Group
  - Representation from key departments and Laudato Si’ champions
- Liaisons throughout the university
  - Examples include Development, MarCom, Student Development, etc

 Getting Started – first cohort is 24 May 2022
- Public announcement
- Kick-off event
- Listening sessions
- Self-assessment
- University reflection
- Action plan

 Questions?
- How does one become involved?
  - Contact Ben de Foy
- Is the coordinator position posted?
  - Not yet. The plan will be proposed to the provost and it will be in the new financial year
- Center for Sustainability and an Office of Sustainability were both closed in previous years. This is a new, freshly proposed structure.
- There are about 100 universities signed up worldwide
- Where do you start and what do you need from us?
  - Collecting ideas – send to de Foy via email or phone

 Monthly Spotlight 2:
- Brooks Goedeker, Executive Director of Midtown Redevelopment Corporation
• "Update on Redevelopment Projects"
  o St. Louis Midtown Redevelopment Corporation – 5 yr anniversary
  o https://www.stlmrc.com/
  o Board of Directors as noted on the corporation’s website
    ▪ Jaqueline Davis-Wellington, Partner at Community & Economic Development Solutions
    ▪ David Heimburger, Chief Financial Officer at St. Louis University
    ▪ Mark Higgins, Professor Chaifetz School of Business at St. Louis University
    ▪ Michael Lucido, Vice President of Facilities Services at St. Louis University
    ▪ Rick Redetzke, Vice President of Facilities at SSM Health
    ▪ Staff, Brooks Goedeker, Executive Director
  • Contact (314) 977-5450 or bgoedeker@stlmrc.com
    ▪ All developments must receive approval from the board of directors
    ▪ Next meeting to be held on March 28, 2022
  o City Foundry - http://cityfoundrystl.com/
    ▪ Recap of before and after of City Foundry
  o Fresh Thyme
  o Review of other specialty stores
  o Weekly events
  o Upcoming developments for 2022
    ▪ Alamo Drafthouse Cinema (dining and movies) –2022
    ▪ Puttshack – mini-golf – 2022
    ▪ City Winery – 2023
    ▪ Speakeasy in basement of Foundry Food Hall
  o New apartments/office space on Vandeventer
  o Greenway – design competition found here
  o element by Westin hotel on Forest Park – see project details here
  o Proposed student housing development with beds for 500 (still cautious and has not been reviewed by the board yet)
  o Reopening of Humphrey’s (closed for 5+ years) and will reopen in Spring/Summer 2022
    ▪ Summary of owners’ experience in restaurant/bar experience in the area
  o Armory District - https://www.armorydistrict.com/
    ▪ Recap of before and after
    ▪ Rec hall - tentative opening in winter 2023
    ▪ Phase 2 has apartment units
    ▪ Adding more street access
    ▪ Outdoor tennis and pickleball courts proposed
  o Steelcote Square Project - https://www.steelcotelofts.com/amenities.html
    ▪ Recap of before and after
    ▪ Lofts in construction
  o Target and apartment construction by Captain D’s and Rally’s – Summer 2023
    ▪ New traffic light
    ▪ (72K square ft for the store)
  o Grand and Park historic building is being rehabbed – Summer 2022
  o Gate District West Neighborhood
▪ Recap of history of the neighborhood ownership and work being done
▪ Shared photos of construction on lots in this area and the work with the neighborhood association
▪ Habitat for Humanity also is building 7 of the homes
▪ Home repair program for existing residents
  o Grand maintenance
  o Prospect yards – the area between north and south campuses
  o Greenway progress update – may be delayed until 2025
  o NW corner of Grand and Chouteau (Iron Hill development) delayed due to pandemic
  o Grand and I44 development – Tiffany Neighborhood – SLU & SSM are allowing the neighborhood to decide what is allowed
    ▪ Est. $1M price tag to move the utilities
    ▪ QuickTrip is interested and working with the neighborhood for approval
  o Compton & Chouteau
    ▪ TopGolf rumor
    ▪ No announcement ready at this time
  o Grand bridge graffiti is the responsibility of the City of St. Louis
    ▪ Operation Brightside is the institution that works on graffiti removal for the city
    ▪ No removal performed during the winter/cold weather
    ▪ Send reports of graffiti to Brooks so he can work with the city and Operation Brightside
  o Gentrification
    ▪ All our developments are including (at least 10%) affordable housing in their plan or paying into the affordable housing fund
    ▪ Work with Habitat for Humanity
  o Outpatient Surgery w/SSM
    ▪ That is a question for Facilities

**Announcements & Resources:**
- Staff Advisory Committee Executive Board Elections
- TIAA On-site Consultations
- Skillsoft Icon Will Be Retired on April 4, 2022
- Employee Discounts you may not know about – refer to HR bulletin
- Business Manager Training available – refer to HR bulletin

**Next Meeting:**
- Thursday, April 21, 2022
- 12:00 – 1:15 pm
- Zoom Webinar

**Adjournment:** Sue Stevens at 1:02 P.M.
Staff Advisory Committees and Representatives – 2021 - 2022

- **Staff Advisory Executive Committee**
  Chair – Sue Stevens  
  Chair Elect – Judi Buncher  
  Recording Secretary – Kristin Hrasky  
  Corresponding Secretary – Patricia McQueen  
  Membership Coordinator – Rachel Young  
  Treasurer – Rhonda Arl

- **Staff Advisory Sub-Committees**
  By-Laws Committee – Sue Stevens  
  Service/Events Committee  
    - Food Truck Rally – Stacy Mack

- **University Committees**
  Campus Recreation Advisory Committee – Robert Pampel  
  Diversity & Community Engagement  
    - Jennifer van Driest  
    - Kat Dortch  
    - Michael Augustine  
    - Jonia Jones  
    - Katia Goodman  
    - Erica McBride  
    - Shontae Williams  
    - Dominic Dowdy-Windsor  
    - Robert Pampel  
    - Emily Wartick  
    - Christopher Grabau  
    - Xtina Butler  
  HLC Re-Accreditation Steering Committee – Rachel Young  
  Honorary Degrees & Special Recognition Committee – vacant  
  Medical Ad Hoc – Sue Stevens  
  Operational Excellence – Project Review Committee – Alexis Bruce-Staudt  
  Policy Review Committee – Missi White-Luster  
  Parking Issues – Matt Campbell  
  President’s Diversity Council – Pamela Jackson  
  Speech, Expression and Civil Discourse Committee – Anne Imlay, Bob McNair  
  Tobacco Free Workforce – Ellen Weis  
  University Leadership Council – Sue Stevens

- **Board of Trustee Committees**
  Academic Affairs – Sharon Spicer  
  Business & Administration – Sue Stevens  
  Development – Kristin Hrasky  
  Marketing and Branding – Patricia McQueen  
  Mission and Identity – Christine Luebbert