



**GENERAL BODY STAFF COUNCIL MEETING**  
**AGENDA**  
**APRIL 16, 2009**  
**TEPPER, GRAND ROOM**  
**Appreciation Lunch**

**Officers:** Jennifer Cox, Chair; Joseph Pastorik, Vice-Chair; Audrey Portis, Treasurer; Lindie Droulia, Secretary; Wayne Oglesby, Past Chair

**Attendees:** Becer, A.; Besselman, S.; Berry, S.; Brennan, P.; Boeltz, J.; Campbell, K.; Cecchetti, K.; Conser, E.; Chu, K.; Dadowski, G.; Ebel, L.; Ericson, L.; Imbimbo, J.; Javorski, S.; Klein, S.; Lambrou, K.; Lanyon, J.; Linn Gutowski, M.; Matthews, D.; McCarthy, M.; Palko, K.; Panno, C.; Poprocky, V.; Price, B.; Rauf, A.; Reinoehl, D.; Reinoehl, T.; Ribarchak, C.; Ropelewski, A.; Simeone, E.; Stupka, M.

**Call to Order**

- Joseph presided and called the meeting to order and introduced Officers.
- Approval of minutes

**Treasurer's Report**

- Expenses \$1104.00 Balance ending \$7959.47

**Housekeeping**

- New Divisional Representatives: Kristine Cecchetti - Heinz and Alexander Ropelewski - MCS., David Reinoehl, SEI
- D-list update: getting the word out about Staff Council should be done based on what is allowed and needed for each division. Each representative should take responsibility to push information out the division based on the internal communications available to him or her.

**Officer Elections**

- Reintroduction of nominees for Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Ballots were passed out for general members to elect officers for 2009-10.
- Vice Chair: Adam Rauf, Joe Imbimbo, Audrey Portis, Delores Matthews, John Lanyon, Linda Ebel
- Treasurer: Kenneth Chu
- Secretary : Krista Campbell, Cathy Ribarchak

**Tagline contest winner**

- Kaycee gave an overview of the tagline contest. 80 entries were submitted anonymously to Executive Council. New tagline is: Advocacy. Involvement. Impact. Submitted by Tara Reinoehl, a general council member from SEI.

**Facebook discussion**

- General council members participated in a discussion regarding Staff Council's presence on Facebook. We will vote during the May meeting
- Comments: Linked-In is more of a professional location; Carnegie Mellon is on Facebook; Facebook might be more labor intensive; Would not want it to replace our current methods of communication; Some people may not want to

belong to a social network; Qatar campus uses Facebook; Will there be just a Facebook option or will we be using Linked-In as well; Will we be using Facebook as a method of advertising?

- The current website will have an RSS feed—Melanie is working on this option—could we have information disbursed at orientation? A blog would be a great way to dialog regarding issues we are working on and ways we are connecting with staff; Qatar is hoping to link to us, and we would like to be able to offer them the opportunity.

#### **Election Results**

- Vice Chair - Adam Rauf
- Treasurer - Kenneth Chu
- Secretary - Cathy Ribarchak

#### **Discussion and first vote on constitutional amendments**

- Motion to accept Amendment to the current constitution to read representatives are required to join at least one committee.  
Motion I Second: Motioned carried, none opposed
- Motion to accept Amendment to the current constitution to refuse an appeal for dismissal, if an appeal is dismissed two years in a row.  
Floor was opened to discussion.  
Motion & Second: Motion carried, none opposed.

#### **Committee updates**

- **Take Your Sons and Daughters to Work** - April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Still openings for youth. Still need volunteer track guides. 1-3:30 pm
- **Dining Advisory Council** - Culinart, was offered a 5-year contract. Their plans include: a full-fledged Starbucks; pizza delivery 10pm-2am; two mobile stations on campus; Tartan Pavilion—pizza, gyros, sandwiches; UC—different theme night each month; expand on breakfast; add a Soup, Salad & Bread Bar, Grill Restaurant, and Deli with made-to-order sandwiches; will order fruit & vegetables from local farmers; open in summer & over breaks. We will have an opportunity to discuss our ideas with them.
- **Kennywood** - July 11. The \$5 ticket is coming to an end. This year will be \$10 for employee. \$15 each for up to 4 additional tickets; and \$20 each for another 5 additional tickets (limit is 10 discounted tickets).

#### **New Business**

- Barbara Smith spoke about the *voluntary* opportunity to request unpaid month off during the summer. Smith assured us this is not a way to weed out those who may appear to be expendable. Deans and Vice Presidents must approve time off. Must be intact month (June, July, or August). Benefits continue during month off, with a double deduction during month returning. If payments go to credit union, employee must make arrangements directly. May 1 requirement, approvals by May 15. Should go on HR website soon.
- Spring Carnival announcements
- Administrative Luncheon is cancelled, but *not* Staff Picnic
- Centerpieces were given away via random selection to general council members: Ellen Conser, Michelle Baily-Day, Victoria Poprocky, Melanie Linn Gutowski, Gloria Dadowski

#### **Adjournment**