



GENERAL BODY STAFF COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA

OCTOBER 16, 2008

RANGOS 1

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

Attendees: Bailey-Day, M.; Becer, A.; Berry, S.; Besselman, S.; Boeltz, Campbell, K.; Chu, K.; Connelly, A.; Connelly, A.; Dadowski, G.; Ebel, L.; Ericson, L.; Gould, S.; Imbimbo, J.; Javorski, S.; Klein, S.; Lambrou, K.; Lanyon, J.; Lee, C'; Linn-Gutowski, M.; Matthews, D.; McCarthy, M.; McCormick, M.; Mullins, K.; Oglesby, W'; Ossler, J.; Palko, K.; Panno, C.; Pastorik, J.; Poprocky, V'; Price, B.; Rauf, A.; Reinoehl, T'; Renduels, C.; Ribarchak, C.; Simeone, E.; Witholt, T.; Wrobleski, M.

Barbara Smith (Guest) Michael Murphy (Guest) Ivy Ero, Greater Pittsburgh Community Foodbank (Guest)

Call to Order

- Jennifer called the meeting to order and introduced the Officers.
- September minutes were not sent electronically. Minutes for September and October would be sent to general members with the Agenda for November

Treasurer's Report

- September expenses were \$763.64. The ending available balance is \$12,357.86.

Barbara Smith, Vice President of Human Resources

- Spoke about the Lecture Series presentation today and invited everyone to attend. 4:30pm - McConomy Auditorium, University Center
Steve Robbins, Author - Unintentional Intolerance

Jennifer Cox, Chair of Staff Council

Housekeeping

- We will develop an ADHOC Tagline Contest Committee to develop a tagline for Staff Council that we would like to be in place by 2009 term
- Food drive - requesting additional volunteers to support the Cans Across the Cut - Nov 12
- Melanie is creating a website so the teams can register via the website. If you are willing to help with this event that would be greatly appreciated.

Representation reminder

- A reminder to your divisional representation. If you find your division, you are representing. If you are using email to get the word out about things. Determine what the best way to get the word out is. Communications within your division

- Melanie recommended to general council to reword information rather than forwarding on emails so the tone and language deems appropriate. It is important to note some emails that come from staff council officers or committee chairs are internal messages and should be re-worded prior to sending

Ethics reporting hotline posters from EOE

- Everett would like to supply us with posters to be distributed.
- Contact the division or department in your division for placement

Ice cream social review, Melanie Linn Gutowski

- Melanie thanked everyone that supported the event. It was a good event and very well attended by the campus community. Dr. Cohon visited the event and mingled with staff.

Campaign Kickoff Event, Michael Murphy

- Michael Murphy discussed next Friday campaign kickoff. He had been working on the event with Carole Panno, it is an important kickoff; the university has been in the quiet phase of the campaign, where we already raised approximately half of our goal. . We are just under \$600 of the campaign on our way to \$1 Billion. Obviously, we are anxious about current economic times. Second half is cultivating people and beyond. Half of the campaign's \$1 billion dollar goal is directed to endowment with emphasis on long-lasting support for faculty, students and breakthrough innovations.
- Sign up on line for homecoming. / campaign
- Homecoming registration has been extended to end of day tomorrow.
- Because of the campaign, we would like to embrace boldly to be a part of the campaign. Being a part of the campaign might seem less relevant that you give daily.
- Michael asks about thoughts regarding a one-time gift. Payroll deduction is the simplest way.
You can give and designate where the gift goes.
- Jennifer commented that employees felt they did not make enough money to begin with and voiced the opinion that employees wondered why it was necessary to provide give back to the university. That message needs to be clearer to see a return from staff.

Qatar update/vote on revised amendment

- We have been talking about Qatar at the executive council level and how we can; best serve them and collaborate with the Qatar campus. We are considering having Qatar exempt for meeting with our general body meetings. While we may be able to accommodate Qatar now, as our satellite campuses grow globally, we may not be able to manage all off site campus.
- A recommendation that a Qatar representative attend the executive council meeting and a representative attend the general council. This will mean we will not change the meeting dates on the Pittsburgh campus. Qatar has three representatives this term that will rotate that role.
- Qatar updated us regarding the recommendations and agreed in terms.
- The amendment to the constitution was reviewed and voted upon. .

- Unanimous vote to amend the constitution. No oppositions, No abstentions. We will vote again in November to pass the amendment officially.

Food drive kickoff - Ivy Ero, Greater Pittsburgh Community Foodbank

- Ivy spoke regarding the food drive and how it is critical this year. The Pittsburgh Community Food Bank Board decided to put extra money in a fund to purchase food.
- 08-09 increase in food costs, which make it difficult to purchase as before.
- Ivy explained some of the challenges that the Food Bank is feeling this year because of the economy. And showed a short video created by a nine year old supporting the Food Bank.
- The Staff Council food drive is November 3-14, 2008.

Adjournment

Next meeting: November 20, 2008 12p.m. Rangos 3, University Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindie Droulia
Secretary