Staff Senate Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2018
Mountain Con room, SUB
9:00 am to 10:00 am

Present: Nick Bowsher, Casey Vanatta, Ronda Coguill, Scott Forthofer, Frances Holmes, Peggy Delaney, Peggy McCoy, Joyce O’Neill

Absent: Marcia Lubick, Niki Wilcox, Kathy Stevens and Marilyn Patrick

Minutes from the 12-8-2017 were read and approved.

Senate Updates – Peggy M announced that Angela Stillwagon will step down from SS. Angela will finalize and send a letter to the Chancellor and MUSSA regarding the last year SS accomplishments. Peggy D will take over the website. Peggy M reported that Vanessa Van Dyk did not send info on staff retention and instead sent MT Tech termination by eClass for 1/12014-11/14/2017. This was broken into 8 categories and reported 218 employee terminations. The numbers may be inflated because Dining Services employees need to reapply every semester to return to work. This info will be sent to MUSSA.

Subcommittee Reports - No new Ask the Senate questions have come in and a suggestion was made that a parking lot question be submitted. This could be a procedural reminder/info article on parking procedure and the Parking committee appeals process. SS could also use the list of grievances from students that ASMT has compiled.

Pat on the Back – Marcia will write an article for Vanessa Van Dyk.

Luncheon Learning - Luke Buckley is set to speak on February 7th

New Employees – Frances reported that everyone has received a packet and 4 new employees will be getting mugs in January.

Scholarship committee- 2 scholarships proposed; the existing one the Foundation administers which is for a staff family member and $100 currently in that. The new one is for a current staff member to have professional development or career development. Put in newsletter if people Niki and Ronda will write in newsletter article asking if staff would like to fundraise and give input and support. Casey said that she maintains the continuing student scholarship with Shauna Savage and the criteria can be updated because the greatest need is for freshman scholarships.

Budget and Program Prioritization (PP) meeting – There has been a lack of communication and transparency about PP meetings and confusion about the meeting report that FY2017&2018 budget is balanced. Peggy M asked to represent SS and give SS updates on PP.
MUSSA meeting - our representatives were unable to attend the last meeting.
Roundtable/Updates Financial report $1002.00 in account and $809 from $1000 that the Chancellor provided for LL. Question should the money be used for Employee Recognition and what to give employees for longevity. Spring newsletter – address the staff layoffs and recognize staff participation in campus committees.

Next meeting is Tuesday, January 23, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce O’Neill