

Staff Council Monthly Meeting May 11th, 2017

In attendance: Rick Murdock, Barry Overpeck, Rusty Hochalter, Michelle Lewis, JoEllen Ornduff, Pam Malone, Kaitlin Duby-Edwardson, Chad Clark, Beth Phillips, Susan Crist, Debbie Woolard, Chris Middleton, Roxanne Torrence, Jamie Hays, Todd LaComba, Karen James, Angela Napier, Melissa Chase, Yolanda Barnhill, Patti Bolton, Audre Brickey, Sarah Froderman, Martin Collins, Martha Reed

Excused: Abby Wright, Marisa Vincent, Carolyn Rohlfing, Evan Boyer, Leslie Wheeler, Wendy Cox

Unexcused: Seth Porter, Tiffany Cherry

The meeting was called to order at 10:33. Lisa Moore and Willie Banks, Co-Chairs of the United Way campaign, thanked Staff Council for their donation to the campaign this year. The Council donated over \$900 of proceeds from T-Shirt sales.

President Bradley was next to speak. He thanked members for their service to the Council. He gave a brief budget overview, including the increased funding from the state, and the money earmarked for remodeling the Fine Arts building next year. He also stated that a 1.9% increase in tuition will be presented to the Board of Trustees. He then gave updates on the following searches:

1. The person selected to be Dean of Health and Human Services has been selected, and the email went out recently with that information.
2. The College of Education is hoping to make an announcement next week.
3. A notification should go out either today or tomorrow in regards to the CAS Dean.
4. The search for a new Vice President for Enrollment Management, Marketing and Communications has been postponed due to Dr. Bradley's retirement. Jon Beacon will stay on until January, depending on the new person's start date.

Y. Barnhart asked President Bradley what specific policies would be left unfinished for the new president? He stated that the biggest is probably Hulman Center, getting agreement with city and county on getting it remodeled and who is going to pay for it. The trustees have indicated that the new person will be asked to implement and guide the existing strategic plan. He also stressed that jobs here at the University are changing and getting more sophisticated. Y. Barnhart then asked the President what he saw himself doing after his return to Terre Haute after a year of travel. President Bradley said that he hopes to work half time for four years or so, with duties as directed by the President and Provost.

Wil Downs spoke next regarding the listening sessions at 2 p.m. May 11th. He encouraged council members to attend. He also stated that the health screens will most likely begin in September, and that employees are due to have their portion of their employee review finished by the end of this month.

In support of Goal 6 of the strategic plan, there will be new leadership training for staff, with information coming this fall. If you would like Tami Winzapel-Smith to present information on this to your department, please let Human Resources know.

The April meeting minutes were approved without friendly amendments (P. Malone/R. Murdock 22-0-

R. Torrence delivered the Executive Committee report. She welcomed the new representatives at the meeting, and thanked those that are leaving for their service. She reminded members that the Staff Council annual meeting is scheduled for May 18th at 10 a.m. She also stressed the importance of attending the listening sessions for the president's search committee.

2017 – 18 Officer elections – Beth Phillips was selected as Chairperson. Barry Overpeck was elected Vice Chair. Jamie Hays will be the Secretary next year, and Susan Crist will be the Treasurer.

Standing Committee Reports –

Employee Relations did not meet.

Public Relations met once since the last council meeting, and organized the council's table at Earth D. The event was a success, with approximately 150 T-Shirts recycled into tote bags.

Staff Benefits met once since the last council meeting. They were given updates on the employee evaluations. C. Barton also met with the committee to discuss the various programs for retirement for staff. C. Barton is also trying to arrange a representative from Perf to come to campus for a workshop.

R. Torrence stated that she was asked to serve on the presidential search committee. B. Phillips will be on the Transition Committee which will arrange recognition for President Bradley.

The meeting went into Closed session at 11:22.