

Staff Council Minutes

December 8, 2015

Members present: Jackie Askren, Ryan Calovich, Kim Fletcher, Haley Grant, Chaz Havens, Jenith Hoover, Joyce Hutchins, Heather Jones, Katrina Klein, Kelly Mourning-Byers, LuAnn Reece, and Colleen Thiessen

Members not present: Eileen Brouddus, James Frager, Jim Kelly, Coletta Meyer, Kim Sturgeon, and Angela Valdivia

- I. Ryan Calovich called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.
 - a. Ryan Calovich introduced our guest speaker Sue Taylor-Owens, Instructional Designer with Informational Technology Services.

- II. Special Guest: Sue Taylor-Owens.
 - a. Sue Taylor-Owens is a member of the 2015-2016 Leadership Washburn Class. The class divides into groups for projects that build on organizational and problem solving skills. The small Leadership project group that Sue participates in, is researching the ALLFACULTYSTAFF e-mails. Sue is conducting small group discussions with both faculty and staff to obtain employees opinions regarding receipt of these e-mails and to see if there is a way to improve. It was widely agreed upon by Staff Council Members that they don't mind the initial e-mails and being given the opportunity to discern. However, many felt that the "reply all" responses become cumbersome at times. Suggestions included further education on setting up filters or having a possible forum where faculty/staff could log in to read and or participate in the conversation threads.

- III. Reports:
 - a. Ryan Calovich, Chair – Meeting with Dr. Farley focused on enrollment for the Spring and Fall 2016 semesters.
 - b. Benefits Committee – No meeting to report
 - c. Safety Committee –No meeting to report.

- IV. Discussion Items:
 - a. Diversity initiative update – Staff Council will have a guest speaker in January.
 - b. Washburn Tech employees being able to use Bod Bucks to purchase meal punch cards. Colleen has a meeting set up with Chris Leach to work on a solution.
 - c. Gun safety update – Dean Forster and Chris Enos know of no conversations or discussions for education that would be brought forth to new students. The question was asked if it would be possible for Criminal Justice or Academic Outreach to provide a course on the legalities of gun safety.

- V. The next Staff Council meeting will be January 12th.

- VI. Ryan Calovich adjourned the meeting at 3:52 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Colleen Thiessen