Committee Members

Present: Dr. DeCenzo, Regina Lee (chair) Araleigh Beam, Cynthia Johnston, Rein Mungo, David Spain, Larry Robbins, Bertha Fladger, Nancy Burton, Geoff Parsons, Joyce Flowers, Cookie Elston, Laura Barr, Jeniffer Silver, and Melissa Todd

Absent: Nick Defuria

The meeting began at 9:30 a.m. with introductions from the Staff Advisory Committee members. Several members spoke on their interest in serving on the committee.

- Dr. DeCenzo addressed an apparent misconception of the group being a forum to discuss and vote on staff related items. He explained the two-fold charge to the committee: first, we are to identify barriers that keep staff from effectively doing their jobs; and, secondly, it is an opportunity to share ideas and find solutions.

- Dr. DeCenzo informed the group that $60-$75 million in capital improvements are slated for the near future. Within the next five (5) to ten (10) years there is the possibility of $250 million in capital improvements for new buildings on campus.

- Staff discussion of the committee’s purpose included a meeting at the beginning of the semester, tools and education to do their jobs, suggestion boxes, orientation session for new staff, and how do we manage our growth.

- The group was asked to send bullet points to Regina Lee before the next meeting of ideas from their co-workers.

- David Spain made a suggestion to put two suggestion boxes on campus in two central locations. The committee supported the suggestion and agreed on the post office and CINO Grille as the best locations.

- Dr. DeCenzo stated “Growth can’t be done in isolation.”

- The group decided to meet every two weeks.

- Bertha Fladger was appointed secretary for the committee.

The next meeting will be February 19th at 10:30am in the Dawsey conference room.