Staff Advisory Council
Minutes
Tuesday, January 21, 2014 @ 10:30am
SNGL 112

Members Present: Del Altman, Dana Booth, Sandy Cannone, Robyn Diven, Jesse Gaither, Judy Hawkins, Paula Holt, Jessica Marquet, and Melissa Todd, and Sandy Williams

Members Absent: Judy Davis, Bertha Fladger, Theresa Greene, Matt Hogue, Caroline Madden, David Russell, and Lynn Silver

Approval of Minutes: A motion to accept the December 10, 2013 minutes as amended was made by J. Marquet and seconded by S. Cannone. The minutes were approved by the members.

Old Business

None

New Business

Suggestion Boxes:

- There was a suggestion that contractors and internal staff should use low VOC paints, etc.
  
  We believe this is already taking place, but S. Williams will check with the appropriate staff members to make sure.

- There was a suggestion to “re-explore allowing faculty/staff to have one free guest use the gym.”
  
  D. Altman will discuss this with Jody Davis, Director, Campus Recreation.

- There was a suggestion asking that paper signs not be put on doors, etc.
  
  S. Williams responded that this is very hard to enforce and keep up with, but she will look into it further and see if there is anything that can be done to help with the issue.

Web Page Comments:

- Suggestion: “Install speed bumps on the driveway that connects the 501 parking lot and the driveway along the north end of Kingston Hall. It’s still a raceway even though the driveway beside the Scholars Academy that connects to the 501 parking lot is now open. Also a sign instructing pedestrians to use the sidewalk along Kingston Hall for their safety instead of walking on the road. This would benefit the safety of both students and faculty/staff.”
  
  S. Williams will discuss with David Roper, Chief of Police.

- Suggestion: “I constantly see students parking in faculty/staff parking spaces or visitor parking spaces. Many of these students don’t even have a decal on their vehicle. Is Public Safety even checking for valid parking decals and students who are violating parking regulations and giving them a ticket?”
  
  S. Williams spoke to David Roper, Chief of Police, prior to our meeting in reference to this suggestion. He responded by saying that Public Safety has written 5,656 tickets as of 1/15/2014 for parking violations. As
per administration, they give one week of parking amnesty during first semester and 3 days at the start of second semester. He said that patience is very much appreciated.

- **Suggestion:** “Is it possible for formal titles such as Dr. to be included on the online directory for faculty and staff? I feel it would be professional to recognize when an individual has earned their doctorate and will allow fellow staff members to use the proper title when addressing them after looking up their information on the University directory. I also try to give the individual the correct title when addressing them and if the information was provided in the directory I would not make the mistake of not addressing them by their proper title.
  Thank you for looking into this for me and others that have asked.”

D. Booth agreed to speak with someone in Human Resources Operations in reference to this suggestion.

- **Suggestion:** “I was just wondering why, since there are no students on campus for classes, the Shuttle Buses continue to run on a day to day basis? I saw this even before we left for Christmas break. I never see anyone on them and to me, it seems like a waste of money on fuel and time.”

S. Williams contacted Sandy Baldridge, Senior Manager, Contractual and Business Services, and received the following response:

“The University shuttles have been running an abbreviated shuttle schedule with 1 or 2 shuttles since classes have ended for the Fall Semester and will continue to run the abbreviated schedule until classes resume. This is to service the students that are still in the residence halls (which are mostly athletes and international students) and to allow employees to move around the campus without the need to utilize their personal vehicle. The transportation department has also been running an airport shuttle for students that have flights to and from Myrtle Beach during winter break. This is a service to the students that has been highly successful and requested by the student body. The services also help ensure the safety of our students to and from the airport and cut down on their expense by not requiring them to use a taxi or park and pay for their personal vehicle to be left at the airport.”

**Additional Discussion items by members:**

J. Marquet mentioned that a co-worker had inquired as to why no morning exercise classes are available from Campus Recreation. Also, evening classes normally begin at 5:00 p.m. and that is when the majority of staff members get off work. Having the start time be about fifteen minutes or so later would enable more staff members to participate.

D. Altman will check with Jody Davis, Director, Campus Recreation, in reference to this.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 am with a motion from J. Hawkins and seconded by J. Marquet.

**Next Meeting:** The next SAC meeting will be held February 11, 2014 in SNGL 112.