



STAFF SENATE MEETING MINUTES

March 25, 2008

Council members present: Varvara Burden, Frank deHesselle, Joyce Genat, Beth Gierada, Clifton Johnson, Phyllis Jones, Mary Power, Gabe Sauvie

Staff present: Tamara Botzen, Yi Feng, Joann Fitzgerald, Dorrie Frontera, Melissa Grunow, Joyce McKissen, Cathy Phillips, Tracy Thomas

Departments present: Advancement; Arts & Sciences: Dean, HSSC, Natural Sciences; Engineering Dean; Library; President; Provost; Leadership Programs; Student Affairs: Dean, Enrollment Services, International Programs

✚ Approval of Minutes

The staff unanimously approved the minutes from the meeting on January 23, 2008.

✚ Announcements/Miscellaneous

Red Wings Alumni Game

The [Blue Devils vs. Red Wings alumni game](#) is on March 29 at 7:00 pm. It's still not too late - see Joyce Genat or Dorrie Frontera to purchase your tickets!

Staff Council Nominations

Cathy Phillips, Chair of the Legislative Committee of the Staff Senate, made an announcement about the upcoming Staff Council elections. Nomination forms were distributed to staff at the Senate meeting. In addition, the nomination form was emailed to all staff.

The timeline for the process this year is as follows:

- ◆ April 11 - nominations are due to the library, nomination process closes
- ◆ April 18 - nominees are announced and ballots with nominees' names are distributed
- ◆ April 30 - ballots are due back to the library
- ◆ May 2 - election results are announced
- ◆ May 8 - the newly elected council members are invited to attend the Staff Council meeting

Current Issues

Gabe and Mary will again have a meeting with Linda Height to get updates from Linda and to discuss a couple of issues that came up – the existing discrepancy in mileage reimbursement rates, and a better system of snow day notifications (as the existing algorithm proved to be ineffective during several snow emergency school closings).

New Dean of Student Affairs

Kevin Finn is now officially LTU's new Dean of Student Affairs. Congratulations, Kevin!

Interactive Donor Screens

Members of the Staff Council had an opportunity to view brand new donor roll screens put together by the office of Advancement and Marketing. The screens will be displayed in the UTLC and Taubman Center, and campus community will be informed when that happens. Please take a moment to see the screens then.

April Staff Senate Meeting

The last meeting of this academic year will be on Tuesday, April 29 in room M218, on Campus Safety (Harry Butler) and FERPA (Noreen Ferguson). Please send your questions to Harry Butler ahead of the meeting, so that Harry could modify his material to answer your specific questions.

Updates on Committees

The Recycling Committee has become almost completely student-driven, and the efforts to recycle plastic, cans, paper and cardboard have been very successful. Thank you for contributing to making our planet cleaner!

The Community Outreach Committee will be launching its next project “Give a Little Sunshine”, for the children undergoing therapy at the Children’s Hospital of Michigan in Detroit. Cheery containers will be placed in the Architecture, Arts and Science, Engineering, Management, and Taubman buildings beginning Monday, March 31 to collect items for these brave children. We hope everyone will donate and “Give a Little Sunshine” to brighten a child’s day. The project will wrap up on Wednesday, April 23.

Featured Presentation

The Fit and Fiction of Exercise

Clinton Brawner, Certified Exercise Physiologist from Henry Ford Health System, gave a very informative presentation on the importance of adding purposeful, scheduled physical activities to one’s daily routine (“doing laundry” or “dog walking” do not count). Please contact Varvara Burden (x2000) for copies of his presentation materials if you missed this session.

*The meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm.
Submitted by Varvara Burden*