

Winthrop University
Staff Conference Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2018
Dina's Place

Staff Assembly Present: Becky Best, Kaye Burks, Jessica Cassel, Nicole Chisari, Penny Cotter, Maria D'Agostino, Julia Fockler, Amanda Hackney, Wes Love, Kelly McGinnis, Kirk McSwain, Alicia Marstall, Lori Tuttle, Jackie Concodora, Susan Sauvigne

Absent:

Staff in attendance: Approximately 65

Meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m. by Maria D'Agostino, Chair

December meeting minutes were approved.

Dr. Debra Boyd answered questions submitted by staff, since President Mahony was unavailable:

1. Do staff members in leadership roles under sensitivity and/or leadership training at some point in their Winthrop tenure? Debra stated that she was unsure of the meaning of this question. She believes that leaders should be people who listen and treats all persons with respect. There is training is done with Title IX every year. Many of the executive officers have leadership training. Debra believes that this is an important part of professional development. She believes these persons should attend conferences/webinars, etc. to stay up to date.
2. For the last few years, instead of replacing broken and outdated classroom equipment, we have been asked to do what we can with what we have since there is no budget for new. Meanwhile, some areas, such as the Polly Ford Conference Room, are being updated and outfitted with new equipment and furniture. How is this justifiable when our students and classrooms are suffering? Debra stated that the Polly Ford Conference room was updated since it only sat a small number of people (17), it is now able to hold more (32) and it is used for academic purposes as well as a meeting place. There is no budget line item for replacing equipment. There is a list of areas that need repair. Maintenance does a good job of keeping items running, sometimes past their prime. If there is an issue, please speak to the Department Head or Chair of the Department.

Debra then took the time to thank us all for everything we do to keep the university running. She stated that we are appreciated.

Ken Scoggins, Chief of Police-

Chief Scoggins is honored and humbled to be the Chief. He addressed some items that he will be tackling in the future.

-Staffing is an issue with all police agencies; they have three positions to be filled. He wants those officers to be a perfect fit and they need to fill an educational need, be service related and mirror the diversity on campus. He believes with diversity comes understanding. He will be recruiting officers.

-The department will be pursuing accreditation.

-Pursue more visibility on campus. There will be foot and bike patrols. They answer approximately 16,000 calls a year.

-This is not "his" police department but "our" police department. Feel free to contact him with any issues and/or questions.

-They will continue to work diligently for all of us.

-Campus police is an actual police department; the Governor commissions them through SLED. They have statewide authority that the Highway Patrol has, which is more jurisdiction than the RHPD.

Jack DeRochi, Dean Graduate School & Katie Dykhuis, Director of Graduate Enrollment spoke about the 100% online graduate program.

-With the new online program they are growing enrollment at WU, increase retention and generate revenue.

-Pursued partnership so that our costs will be less and improve brand and provides 24-hour help desk

-Four programs to launch this fall and classes start in January, June and August.

-online programs are one tuition price.

- 6 credit hours are covered through EEAP.

- If you have any questions, please contact the Graduate office.

Grant Scurry, Assistant Dean of Students & Director of Recreational Services & Brittany Moore, Assistant Director for Fitness and Aquatics spoke about the West Center and health programs for 2018.

-The question is always asked about why we pay for memberships. Those funds pay for student staffing, repairs and physical upkeep of the West Center. The fee has not increased in the 10 years that the building has been open. The West Center is an academic building first and a recreation center second.

-The website has a list of fees. You can join on an annual or monthly basis. There are trial memberships available. You can pay with a debit card/cash or check or payroll deduction.

-Personal training is available at a low cost. This utilizes our students.

-Swimming lessons are available at a low cost.

-Group exercises classes are offered and the Walk 2018 program is available. In addition, guest speakers will be scheduled to speak on various health topics.

-If you have any questions, please contact Grant or Brittany.

Standing Committee Reports:

Elections & Nominations – Becky Best is asking for new members.

Media & Communications –Kara reported that the January/February issue would be out on February 1. Also, keep sending those milestones to us.

Professional Development – Nicole reported that a TED talk is scheduled for January 31 in Dinkins. The dates for the next Professional Development Seminar are June 27-28. More information to come.

Campus & Community Involvement – Pam reported that on February 13 there will be a mini concert in the lobby of Digs. Flowers will be handed out for Valentine's Day. A food drive is scheduled for March.

Recognition Committee – Miranda announced the 7 nominated staff members and Daniela Aguilar was the winner.

Tina Vires then announced a new award "Staff Superhero of the Month". The winner was Miranda Knight.

Lori Tuttle then introduced the 3 new hires.

Questions & Comments:

Next Staff Conference will be at Dina's Place on Tuesday, February 20 at 2 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.