

Staff Advisory Council Minutes for Nov. 6, 2013

The fastest meeting in SAC history was held on November 6, 2013, in the President's Conference Room, 321 University Hall.

Attendance: David Champlin, Chad Hampton, Jason Lockwood, Leyanna Long, Sandra Monnig, Shiva Pennathur, Ashley Rhode, Nancy Tharpe, Melissa Willett. Melinda Richardson, absent.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the October 9, 2013, meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: There were no expenses in October. The balance in the SAC account is \$3,426.81.

Reports:

- Intercampus Staff Advisory Council (ISAC) met on Oct. 15. David Champlin attended the meeting, which was held on the MU campus (not the usual TelePresence meeting). Topics discussed included: issues with the Global Grading System (GGS) rollout; a discussion with President Wolfe regarding strategic plans; succession planning for first-line managers. Representatives are to bring their top 8-10 concerns to present to the group at the next meeting.
- Web page: Day of Caring photos have been posted to the Flickr account, with a link to the SAC page. David Champlin reported that as the page administrator he has received phone calls with special offers for employees (i.e., Silver Dollar City) and he will follow up on those. David will also make sure there is a link from the SAC website to the 2013 staff picnic photos on Flickr, as well as a list of past council members.
- Staff Picnic: There was a discussion about changing the format of the current event; it was suggested that SAC put together a proposal for more funding and support for the event. Nancy Tharpe will chair and will call a meeting for brainstorming.
- Historian: SAC is working through the MU Library to have a digital repository for all SAC records and photos. This would serve as a digital archive for minutes, agendas, photographs, etc. from past meetings. There would be a link from the SAC homepage to this information.
- MU Campus Parking and Transportation Committee: Jason Lockwood attended the October meeting. There was a campus presentation on facilities update to 2020, and the City of Columbia presented on revamped bus lines to improve transportation for students to alleviate the need for parking. Jason also mentioned that the MU Transportation office is "beta testing" permits that can be transferred from vehicle to vehicle. Shiva will attend the next meeting, scheduled for Nov. 20.

Events:

- Bowling: Melinda has made preliminary plans for the bowling event; Ashley Rhode will assist. The time will change to "happy hour" (late afternoon). Details forthcoming.
- Staff picnic: Ashley Rhode is working with the president's office to determine a date. June 6 is a possibility.

- Trivia lunch: Sandy reported that facilities at MOREnet are being held on August 14 for this year's event. This year the event will utilize a clicker system. It is hoped that questions and answers will be developed by May.

Newsletter: Newsletter editor Melissa Willett reported that the next issue will be released in January 2014; she is preparing a template for ease in design and reporting. The next issue will feature Hank Foley and David Champlin. It was suggested that SAC event dates be listed in the newsletter.

New Business: There was discussion about the possibilities of a bulletin board or some way to trade university property without going through university surplus. It was concluded that regulations concerning university-owned property would make interdepartmental trading difficult to achieve.

Meeting adjourned at 3 p.m.

Nancy Tharpe