

Southwestern Staff Council Minutes

May 12, 2016

Present: Members: Kirk Fast, Michael Kluver, Kathy Megli, Claudio Brigueda, Casey Merryman, Janet Slagell, Melanie Miller, Rhonda Waters, Jamie Collins

Not present: Josh Rosser, Shirley Venable, Debbie Flaming, Nancy Sanders

Call to Order – Kirk Fast 9:33 am

April Minutes

- The draft of the April minutes were emailed to council members on April 20, 2016. The only correction was adding Melanie to the present list. Janet made the motion to approve with the changes designated and a 2nd by Claudio. Approved by majority vote.

Treasurer's Report

- Debbie was absent, but no changes since last meeting

Old Business

- Benefits Committee – Michael reported that the Benefits Committee has been made aware of proposed potential increase in health insurance cost. There is possibility of the insurance plan benefits on campus restructuring to include coverage options that would allow employees to choose if they want to purchase more coverage then the university will potentially be offering. Jamie referenced the Wellness Committee's interest in adding health classes and other programs that could help decrease insurance costs in the future.
- Staff Outing – Rhonda shared ideas to have activities at a SSC hosted event. Possibly a carnival theme. The committee agreed the event should take place sometime early in the Fall in September or October, possibly on a Thursday evening.
- Bulldog Bazaar – Members have heard the event being talked about on the radio. It has been posted on the SWOSU "Bark" page and shared with other outlets. Casey shared a copy of the Talent Showcase Application.
- Non-voting position on Faculty Senate – Still being reviewed. There would have to be a change in their bylaws in order to add this position.
- Report from May Adm. Council meeting – Kirk reviewed the growing concern over the budget. There are many possible areas that could experience a decrease in budget and spending. The increase in insurance cost was also discussed.

New Business

- Council Nomination – Rick Dahlgren has applied to serve as a physical plant representative. After discussion, Kathy made a motion that we accept the application with a 2nd by Rhonda. Approved by majority vote.
- Council Resignation – Jamie has submitted her resignation from the council after serving for 2 years. She intends to still attend meetings when possible and be a part of Staff Council Activities.

Adjourned – 10:33 am

Kathy made a motion to adjourn the meeting and a 2nd by Jamie.

Dates to Remember

June 8, 2016 - next monthly SSC Meeting – Stafford 201

Action Items

Newsletter – Janet include upcoming event note about Staff Picnic next Fall

Kirk contact Cindi Albrightson about Safety Committee Article

Bulldog Bazaar - Shirley report on committee assignments and progress