

## **Staff Association Meeting March 12, 2014**

### **Senators Present**

Derek Evans, Amy Foley, Carol Hare, Diane Holtz, Debbie Johnson, Ryan Menley, Amy Parnell, Les Parnell, Hawley Rumpf, Carolyn Schindler, Jenny Sherlock, Tara Stoll

### **Senators Absent**

Tara Adwell, Jackie Burns, Brenda Griffith, Matt McDonald

### **Staff Members Present**

Sara Freemyer, Martha Greer, Gladys Kline, Bob Lance, Lisa May, Jennifer Riley

### **Guests Present**

Cale Fessler, Dr. Cindy Heider, Shana Meyer, Jerry Pickman, Sally Sanders, Dr. Robert Vartabedian

### **Report of Dr. Vartabedian**

1. Two tour groups from Topeka, KS and St. Joseph News-Press toured the Walter Cronkite Memorial.
2. Doug Brinkley, Professor of History and Walter Cronkite Biographer, will be the keynote speaker at the R. Dan Boulware Convocation on Critical Issues. Convocation is scheduled for November 4, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in M.O. Looney Complex.
3. First Annual Dr. Krikor Partamian Ping Pong Tournament is Saturday, March 29 from 6:30-9:00 p.m. Tournament play will be in the small gym of Looney Complex. \$25 entry fee or \$10 observation fee. Appetizers and open bar. All money raised will go to support the International Student Service program.
4. The Walter Cronkite Highway dedication is April 4, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. at the Walter Cronkite Memorial.

### **Report of Dr. Heider (for Dr. Daffron)**

1. Seven Brazilian students are on campus to observe the STEM education fields. Kay Dickerson is leading the students. The students are sponsored through a Brazilian Government grant.
2. The Griffon GPS (Graduation Planning System) will launch March 17, 2014. This is a tool for students to track their progress towards graduation.
3. Spring Commencement is May 10, 2014. The commencement will be an outdoor ceremony at Spratt Stadium.

### **Report of Mr. Fessler**

1. A new Java City location in Blum Union has opened. This is an extension of the location in Hearn Center.
2. RFP for Master Planning is being reviewed.
3. Current Bids:
  - a. University Auditing Firm: CliftonLarsonAllen won the bid.
4. Active Shooter Drill is April 8, 2014. A notice will go out campus wide.
5. Budget development process continues for FY15.

### **Report of Ms. Meyer**

1. Student Affairs position updates:
  - a. Student Employment Coordinator- candidate will be on campus within two weeks
  - b. Residential Life Hall Director- position posted.
2. Student Commencement Speaker nominations being sought. Details are in the Griffon Weekly newsletter.
3. The new President and Vice-President for SGA have been elected.

### **Report of Mr. Pickman**

1. Centennial Capital Campaign has received a leadership gift from Drs. Vartabedian. Co-chairs of the Centennial Capital Campaign are Dan & Dale Boulware and Mark & Mary Margaret Laney.
2. The RFP for the Master Planning has been screened. Reference checks are underway.
3. Eggs and Issues is scheduled for March 20, 2014. Keynote speaker is Andrea Gardner with MERIL.
4. Annual Foundation Donor Appreciation Reception is April 1, 2014.
5. Night at the Ritz is April 11, 2014.
6. Kelley Commons is scheduled for April 24, 2014.

### **Report of Ms. Sanders**

1. Annual Wellness Screenings are scheduled for March 26 and 27. Register for your screening at [www.mybluekc.com](http://www.mybluekc.com). Event will include raffle items, food, cash incentives, and cooking demonstrations.
2. A health and benefits survey will be sent out during the Wellness Screening time.

### **Old Business**

Correction of the February 12, 2014 is the following: Debbie Johnson and Carol Hare have been appointed to serve on the Employee Event sub-committee. A motion to approve the minutes from February with the change to the above mentioned was brought forward by Debbie Johnson. Second was Hawley Rumpf. February minutes were approved unanimously, with changes.

### **Committee Reports**

- Advantage
  - \$270.00 in donations for the Marty Bachman Memorial has been collected. Amy Parnell will send out a reminder e-mail via the Staff Association ListServ.
- Constitution/By-Laws
  - No report
- Election
  - No report
  - Carol Hare asked the group to meet before the April meeting to gather nominations.
- Grievance
  - No report
- Professional Development
  - \$74.00 is the remaining balance.
- Salary and Fringe
  - A document was handed out to Senators from the Truman State University's Medical Leave Bank Procedures. Truman first implemented the Medical Leave Bank on June 1, 2011. Senators are to report to Debbie Johnson by March 14.

- Special Events
  - Gladys Kline reports 150 employees attended the Winter Retreat.
  - Food cost was \$1,738.65, prizes \$518.25, and decorations \$175.08.
  - Committee is starting the process of planning the Spring Retreat.
- Welcoming
  - Welcomed three (3) new employees.

### **New Business**

Office Hours: some department Directors are discussing changing business hours- closing at 5:00 p.m. The change was discussed at Cabinet level. Nothing has been implemented nor has further discussion taken place.

Board of Governors Committee Meeting: Staff Association Executive Board attended the Finance Committee meeting in March. Topic of discussion was the reinstatement of awards.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:18 p.m. by Jenny Sherlock, Hawley Rumpf seconded.

Next meeting is April 9, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. in Blum 220.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Staff Senator