

Staff Association Meeting August 14, 2013

Senators Present

Tara Adwell, Jackie Burns, Carol Criss, Amy Foley, Brenda Griffith, Diane Holtz, Matt McDonald, Amy Parnell, Les Parnell, Carolyn Schindler

Senators Absent

Derek Evans, Debbie Johnson, Ryan Menley, Hawley Rumpf, Jenny Sherlock, Tara Stoll

Staff Members Present

Gladys Kline

Guests Present

Dr. Robert Vartabedian, Dr. Jeanne Daffron, Cale Fessler, Shana Meyer, Jerry Pickman, Dr. Robert Willenbrink

Report of Carol Criss

Criss opened the meeting by introducing Dr. Robert Willenbrink, Founding Dean of the School of Fine Arts. Each Senator introduced themselves by name and department.

Report of Dr. Vartabedian

1. August 14, 2013 is the 15th and final practice for the Kansas City Chiefs. John Dorsey, General Manager of the Chiefs, has given glowing reviews of Missouri Western grounds, facilities, and its people. Negotiations for future Chiefs camp will begin March 2014.
2. Opening Session is scheduled for August 19, 2013 starting with a continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m. in the Fulkerson Center. The program will begin at 9:00 a.m.
3. The same day, the entire Missouri Western campus is invited to the annual Family Picnic beginning at 4:30 p.m. in the Fulkerson Center. It is BBQ themed.
4. Fall classes begin August 26, 2013.
5. Missouri Western football team is reportedly ranked #1 in our conference.
6. The 20th Annual R. Dan Boulware Convocation on Critical Issues is October 22, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in the M.O. Looney Complex. The speaker is Doris Kearns Goodwin.
7. The dedication of the Walter Cronkite Memorial is November 4, 2013 in Spratt Hall Atrium. Cronkite's children are expected to attend.
8. Blum Patio is under construction. It is referred to as 'Griffon's Nest'. This will serve as a gathering place for students and as an outdoor performance area.
9. A digital sign will be installed on the Griffon Indoor Sports Complex (GISC) during the fall season. Steven L. Craig has donated the impressive and state-of-the-art sign.
10. New senior administration have arrived on campus to start the 2013-2014 academic year:
 - a. Dr. Michael Lane, Dean of the Craig School of Business
 - b. Dr. Kathleen O'Connor, Dean of Professional Studies
 - c. Dr. Robert Willenbrink, Founding Dean of the School of Fine Arts
 - d. Tyson Schank, Associate Dean of Enrollment Management/Director of Admissions

Report of Dr. Daffron

1. New Faculty Orientation is scheduled for the week of August 19. Missouri Western has a record number of faculty who are joining our family. Twenty-seven (27) new professors are here and eager to start. Out of the 27, two (2) are Fulbright instructors, and one (1) is an exchange faculty member.
2. August 20, 2013 is walk-in registration.
3. There are three (3) new administrators in Academic Affairs.
4. Move-In Day for freshman is August 21, 2013 starting at 9:00 a.m.
5. Griffon Edge starts August 22, 2013. There are approximately 800 students enrolled for the program.
6. August 23-24, 2013, Griffon Edge student will perform community service projects around our community.

Report of Mr. Fessler

1. Financial Planning is in the midst of year-end entries and audit.
2. August 26, 2013 BKD will be here for our annual audit. Their presence will be on campus for a few weeks.
3. September 11, 2013 all eyes will be on Missouri. The Veto Session will be held. Missouri Western is hoping for the Governor's veto to be upheld.
4. Google Mail transition is complete. The transition saved Missouri Western at least \$100,000.
5. A \$25,000 Default Prevention Grant was awarded to Financial Aid for the 2013-2014 academic year. The grant will help with beefing up our prevention services we currently have in place.
6. Human Resources are starting negotiations for Missouri Western's health insurance renewal.
7. Summer projects are winding down. Projects included Logan and Spratt Halls and Griffon's Nest to name a few.

A question was asked about the full breaker burn out on August 9 in Hearn Center. Would a generator have helped with the situation? Mr. Fessler assured a generator would not have helped since it was a full breaker burn out. Back up parts were in stock to help replace and fix the issue. If Physical Plant would not have had the proper parts, the situation could have lasted much longer.

Report of Ms. Meyer

1. Tobacco Free cards will be handed out to any student, faculty or staff member who are caught on campus with tobacco products on campus. The card can be redeemed at the Baker Fitness Center for a free bottle of water. This is another initiative to help with the positive enforcement of Missouri Western's new policy.
2. Forty (40) international students will be joining Missouri Western this academic year.
3. The Student Code of Conduct is online.
4. Kay-lynn Taylor has been hired as the Director of the Career Development Center.
5. Jacob Scott has been hired as the new intern in Student Affairs.

Report of Mr. Pickman

1. The position of Director of Development is still vacant.
2. Stier Group has been hired as the Capital Campaign consultant. Representatives will be on campus in the next week or two interviewing key people on campus.
3. Public Relations and Marketing are steering a community support campaign called "Paint it Gold". The team is going around town asking local businesses to "Paint it Gold" by hanging a MWSU flag, wear gold on Friday's, participate in window decorating among other activities.

4. Foundation is finishing their annual audit.
5. Campus wide Master Planning will begin in the upcoming months.

Old Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from May was brought forward by Amy Parnell. Second was Tara Adwell. May minutes were approved unanimously, with no changes.

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Committee Reports

No specified reports.

Les Parnell and Amy Parnell have surveyed staff employees, gathered names of those who are willing to serve on a committee, and placed those staff in appropriate committees. Les Parnell will contact the committees and ask for a vote of Chairperson for each committee.

New Business

Amy Parnell gave each present Senator the names of their constituents with postcards to deliver to each person. Each Senator is to go out, introduce themselves, and invite Staff members to attend our monthly meetings. For those Senators who were not at the meeting, she will campus deliver the listing and postcards.

A recommendation was made about having Staff Association t-shirts designed and printed for each Staff member. Amy Parnell will research the policy and costs associated with the idea and present it at the next Staff Association.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m. by Amy Parnell, Diane Holtz seconded.

Next meeting is September 11, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. in Blum 220.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Parnell
2nd Vice President, Staff Association
Staff Senator