

Staff Association Meeting January 9, 2013

Senators Present: Carol Criss, Cathy Everett, Amy Foley, Barb Harris, Diane Holtz, Kathy Joe, Les Parnell, Mary Piatt, Hawley Rumpf, Jenny Sherlock, Tara Stoll and Deatra Tyler

Senators Absent: Sherri Hartley, Debbie Johnson and Amy Parnell

Ex-Officio Members Present: Dan Eckhoff

Staff Members Present: Brenda Griffith, Kim Weddle, Karen Luke, Stacey Bowen and Carolyn Schnidler

Guests Present: Dr. Vartabedian, Dr. Daffron, Dr. Yordy, Dr. Grimes, Sally Sanders and Kurt McGuffin

Dr .Vartabedian

- Rick Gilmore announced his retirement effective January 18.
 - Rick has served the University for 26 years.
 - Cale Fessler, the new VP, will start on January 22.
 - We wish Rick well and appreciate his service.
- Basketball games on Saturday, January 12 vs. NWMSU.
 - NWMSU will pack the house and hopefully we can do the same.
- Two new appointments to the Board of Governors
 - All Purcell
 - Greg Mason
 - Still need one more appointment who is out of district and Republican or Independent
 - We were aware of at least a dozen who applied for the position.
- On Monday, January 14, the Governor will have his inauguration. Two of our students, Donovan Jones and Adrienne Collins, have been asked to perform.
- The Governor's State of the State Address will be on January 28 at 7pm.
 - Two items that might be addressed are performance funding and the funding formula.
 - Dr. Vartabedian plans on going back and forth to Jefferson City this spring.
- Installation of art outside of Remington Hall will take place on Friday.
 - The indoor piece will be installed later.
 - There will be a dedication ceremony on February 25.
- Chiefs Camp #4 will be held on campus this summer. This could be the best one yet, as there is a lot of excitement with Andy Reid as the new coach.
- Convocation on Critical Issues will be on October 22
 - In final stages of confirming Doris Kearns Goodwin as our speaker

- Doris Kearns Goodwin is the author of Team of Rivals, which the movie Lincoln is based upon.
- Also invited Steven Spielberg, the director of Lincoln, to come but that is a long shot.
- On November 22, there will be a Walter Cronkite Memorial unveiling on campus. It is the 50th Anniversary of the assassination of JFK, which Cronkite covered.
 - Cronkite was born in St. Joseph in 1916.
- A consultant will be on campus next week to assist with the Capital Campaign preparations.
 - The Capital Campaign will coincide with the centennial “MWSU: 100 Years of Transforming Lives.”
- Emergency Preparedness & Response – in light of recent events, we are looking into this matter to be sure we are prepared. We are at the point that we need a public seminar. It is very important for us to have a detailed plan.
- Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory/Aspen Leaf Yogurt initiative is now in 10 states with 12 stores. Dr. Vartabedian is talking to a publicist from RMCF about getting national coverage.

Dr. Daffron

- Classes start Monday
- Tomorrow is walk - in registration
 - Thank you for everyone helping with this event.
 - We are not sure what to expect but last year, we went a few hours beyond scheduled time
- Annual Conference on Applied Learning will be March 21-23
- Faculty Senate has appointed a Task Force to facilitate a process of reviewing the general studies curriculum. Proposals are being accepted now and there will be discussion across campus during the spring semester.

Dr. Yordy

- Executive Administrative Associate for University Advancement position open now and closes Friday
- Director of Public Relations & Marketing candidate on campus yesterday
 - Will talk with all groups who met with candidate and determine next step
- Dr. Yordy and Jerry Pickman assisted Carol Roever and the Craig School of Business in preparing and submitting a grant request to the Initiative for a Competitive Inner City – Kansas City (ICIC-KC) in the amount of \$525,000. The ICIC-KC is a national nonprofit organization founded in 1994. It seeks to transform thinking, reinvigorate market forces and engage the private sector to create jobs, income wealth and economic opportunities for inner city residents.
- A grant proposal requesting a grant in the amount of \$60,000 was submitted to the John S. Logan Foundation to support scholarships for graduate students and funding for the Craig School of Business Summer Faculty Research Program.

- Diane, Steven VanDyke, Tara Stoll helped coordinate a day long photo shoot with over 4600 photos taken
- Scholarship for future lawyers in honor of Dan Boulware has been established.
 - Over \$17,000 raised to establish the scholarship
 - Available in approximately 1 year

Dr. Grimes

- Thank you for the holiday lunch
- Martin Luther King, Jr. luncheon on January 21. Everyone is invited to attend but need to RSVP.
- 15 new international students; 10 are graduate

Sally Sanders

- Very busy with recruiting
- Wrap up on benefits - reminder to look at first check to be sure deductions are OK
- Reminder that there will be changes in taxes – Social Security and FICA have a 2% increase
 - State will be making a change in February
 - Not sure when Federal will be making the change
- Campus Wide Tobacco Policy - implementation team being formed
- Health Care Reform - Sally & Misty going to any meetings they can to learn more.

Kurt McGuffin

- Accolades for Football continue as David Bass was selected to play in the Shrine Game on January 19.
 - David is 1 of only 2 Division II players selected
- Student Athletes have achieved the second highest GPA in history with over 50% achieving a 3.0 GPA or higher
- Women's Basketball off to a good start as they have already eclipsed last year win total
- Men's Basketball is, of course, having an emotional year with Coach Smith's pending retirement
- Zumba in the Rumba will be held on Saturday Jan 26
 - Half of the proceeds go to the YMCA Choices Program

The invited guests left and Carol Criss, President, called the meeting to order.

Old Business

The minutes from the past two meetings need to be approved.

First were the October minutes. Deatra Tyler stated that Dan Eckhoff needed to be removed from the Senators Present section. Deatra moved to approve the minutes as amended. Barb Harris seconded. Motion passed.

Next were the November minutes. Deatra Tyler moved to approve the minutes and Hawley Rumpf seconded. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Advantage – Carolyn Schindler reported that the Adopt-A-Family was a success. They helped a Western employee's family. The grandmother helped with gifts for the children so our donations of \$500 helped with groceries and gas. Carolyn read the Thank You card that was sent in

Constitution/Bylaws - no report

Grievance - no report

Election – Updates to Senator Positions will be reported in a few minutes.

Professional Development - no report

Salary & Fringe - no report

Special Events - Winter Retreat was a success with 145-150 in attendance and over \$900 in donations for Noyes Home.

Welcoming Committee – Two new employees were welcomed.

New Business

- New Senators
 - Due to Matthew Gregg leaving MWSU, the next person in line is Ryan Menley, who accepted the Senator position.
 - Due to Mary Piatt leaving MWSU, the next person in line is Carolyn Schindler, who accepted the Senator position.
- Executive Committee positions
 - Both Matthew and Mary were on Executive Committee and their positions need to be filled. Carol read the descriptions of both positions.
 - Mary motioned to nominate Diane Holtz to fill the 2nd Vice President position. Kathy Joe seconded. Diane accepted the nomination and the motion passed.
 - Barb Harris motioned to nominate Amy Parnell for the Secretary position. Amy told Carol Criss that she would be interested in the position but could not attend today's meeting. Hawley Rumpf seconded. Motion passed.
- Kathy Joe announced that there would be a retirement reception for Rick Gilmore on January 18 and that an email would be sent to the campus with the exact times.
- Diane Holtz asked about the online directory and if room numbers could be included on the listing. There was discussion about who was responsible for this. Karen Luke said

that she believed that Ricky Brown in IMC was in charge of it. Tara Stoll said that she would bring the topic up with him and see what could be done.

Kathy Joe motioned for the meeting to be adjourned and Barb Harris seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 3:52pm.