Student Affairs Staff Council

Meeting Minutes 11/18/2015

Council Members Present: Julie (Housing & Dining), Megan (Student Money Management Center), Paula (ASUN Student Government), Linda (Center for Civic Engagement), Kacey (VCSA Office), Amy (Nebraska Unions & Student Involvement), Melissa (Services for Students with Disabilities)

- VCSA Office’s Report- Linda
  - Linda noted that the Black Lives Matter rally organized by students is tomorrow, November 19th from 12:20-2:00 pm on the green space by the City Union.
    - Linda said the students who organized it having been talking to administration about it
    - Amy mentioned that Unions staff has also been preparing for it
    - Linda said UNLPD is good at pulling out agitators from events like this and she thinks the event will not have any problems
    - Kacey said the VCSA Office has not received any calls about the event so far
    - Linda said that the amount of people at the rally will probably depend on weather and that there has been talk, some negative, about the rally on facebook and yikyak
  - There was also some discussion about the rape allegations at the home of some Nebraska football players and the media attention surrounding it. Amy mentioned that 10/11 News was at the Union talking to the Victim Advocate for UNL and doing a story on safe spaces for students who are victims of sexual assault

- Staff Council Elections - Julie
  - Linda mentioned that elections for Staff Council are usually held in November
  - Julie suggested that we hold elections in December since some members were not at the meeting
  - The positions open are Staff Council Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Subcommittee Chair
  - Nominations can be sent to Kacey by any Staff Council member at Kacey@unl.edu
  - Descriptions of each position’s responsibilities were sent out by Kacey on 11/19/15
  - Kacey asked if people will be able to keep or be nominated again for a position they are currently holding. Julie said yes.
  - Elections will be held at the December Staff Council meeting

- Holiday Luncheon/December Meeting- Julie
  - We will be doing a gift exchange like last year. Each Staff Council member should bring a gift ($10 limit) to the December meeting if they would like to participate in the gift exchange. Like last year, people will be able to “steal” gifts that others have opened, so you never know who will end up with your gift!
  - Holiday luncheon/December meeting is tentatively scheduled for Friday, December 18th at 12:30 pm in the Selleck Presidential Dining Room. Watch your email for final details.
  - Elections will also be held during this meeting
• **Staff Professional Development-Kacey**
  o Kacey asked for feedback on the third Student Affairs Professional Development seminar which was the holiday food demonstration on East Campus that was on Wednesday, November 11th.
  o Amy said it was fun, but didn’t really fulfill the “team building” goal.
  o Kacey said 13 people came to the event and there was room for 20 people.
  o The next professional development seminar is on Title IX in February.
  o Kacey asked the Council if we thought we should continue the Professional Development Seminars since attendance at them has been low.
    ▪ Megan suggested having socials instead to encourage people to informally get to know Student Affairs staff from other departments which would encourage collaboration.
    ▪ The idea was brought up that different Student Affairs departments could host a coffee hour in their area.
      ➢ Melissa said that not all departments would be able to host due to student privacy concerns or space issues.
      ➢ Julie said she would talk to Ron about whether or not Dining could provide coffee for this type of event.
      ➢ Megan suggested that if we couldn’t provide coffee we could have it downstairs in the City Union by Caffina Café so people could bring their own coffee or buy some.
      ➢ Megan also suggested that departments could provide donuts or muffins to try to entice staff to come.
    ▪ Julie suggested doing some sort of “field trip” to go tour areas/facilities on campus such as the new East Campus rec center.
      ➢ One suggestion was having these field trips on Friday afternoons or on breaks or before closedowns so more staff would be able to go.

• **Department Updates**
  o Amy- Nebraska Unions & Student Involvement
    ▪ Math Day is Thursday, November 19th, which means there will be over 1600 high school students in the City Union and eating at the dining halls.
  o Megan- Student Money Management Center
    ▪ The Nebraska Council on Economic Education had speaker Adam Carroll come talk about money management on Thursday, November 12th. There were around 125-150 students in attendance and he was a very good speaker.
    ▪ The speaker was part of Money Smart Week, which is a statewide event, and was held last week.
  o Paula- ASUN Student Government
    ▪ The grad student organization used to be a Registered Student Organization but will now be more under ASUN, and Marlene Beyke will be their advisor.
    ▪ Speaker Jamar Banks will be coming to talk on Thursday, November 19th for the It’s On Us campaign.
  o Melissa- Services for Students with Disabilities
    ▪ SSD has new students coming in every day and they are starting to prepare for finals.
- Julie - Dining Services & Housing
  - Jeremy Reed is the new Help Desk Manager
  - RHA had 300+ students participate in late night Laser Tag at Mabel Lee last Friday
  - Thanksgiving dinner for students staying in the residence halls over break will be on Thanksgiving Day
  - There will be a bus trip to go Black Friday shopping at Nebraska Crossing for students
  - Cather Pound Neihardt is hosting a Brazilian Festival on Friday, November 20th from 6-9 pm
  - All dining halls with close at 2 pm on Tuesday, November 24th for Thanksgiving break and will reopen on Monday, November 30th
  - The Holiday Dinner will be served on Wednesday, December 9th from 4:30-8:30 pm
- Kacey - VSCA Office
  - No updates

- The next Staff Council Meeting will be Friday, December 18th at 12:30 pm at Selleck PDR