Student Affairs Staff Council

Meeting Minutes 12/18/2015

Council Members Present: Julie (Housing & Dining), Megan (Student Money Management Center), Paula (ASUN Student Government), Jessie (ASUN Student Government), Linda (Center for Civic Engagement), Kacey (VCSA Office), Amy (Nebraska Unions & Student Involvement), Melissa (Services for Students with Disabilities), Gary (Campus Recreation), Dr. Franco (VCSA Office), Jon (Greek Affairs), Kerra (OASIS)

- VCSA Office’s Report- Dr. Franco
  o Dr. Franco said he had nothing new to report

- Changes to Staff Council Guiding Principles- Kacey
  o Kacey proposed changing the term of service from 2 years to 3 years, which would allow for easier transitions when new members joined the Council
    ▪ The Council agreed on the change
  o Kacey proposed a change to the guidelines that would allow people to be re-elected to their current leadership position within Staff Council (currently you cannot hold the same office twice)
    ▪ The Council agreed on the change
  o Kacey said she would email out a copy of the new guiding principles

- Staff Professional Development-Kacey & Julie
  o To build on our ideas from the last meeting, coffee socials would be a time for Student Affairs staff to get together at various locations around campus, including East Campus, to have coffee and get to know each other better
  o One possible name for the coffee socials is “Franco Fridays”
    ▪ Linda asked which Friday of the month the Council would like to have it on
    ➢ Julie said it doesn’t have to be a Friday; we can choose a different name
  o Idea is to have a brief State of the Division address by Dr. Franco and a Q & A time with Dr. Franco
    ▪ May help with the mattering survey results and helping C-line employees feel more connected to the division as a whole
  o The coffee socials would be in addition to professional development seminars
    ▪ The Council agreed the coffee socials would be a good idea
  o Julie said Dining might be able to provide coffee and maybe some donuts
  o Linda suggested having the first one in the Union, with Student Affairs departments that are housed in the Union hosting it
    ▪ The Council agreed that the Union will host the first one in January in the Green Room in the Union (room 200)
    ▪ Amy said she would work on finding a day that the Green Room was available
Julie suggested adding 5 minutes of professional development to the coffee social, such as tips for conflict resolution.

Julie asked the Council how long the coffee socials should last.
- There was some discussion, but no agreement on a specific timeline.

Kacey suggested that the new Subcommittee Chair could be in charge of the professional development tips at the coffee social.
- Linda said the subcommittee chair could also “sell” the next professional development seminar at the coffee social.

Gary asked the Council how much space might be needed for the coffee socials.
- Julie said that would depend on how much we advertise, how much time we allot for it, etc. She said many housing managers would probably let C-line employees go for 15 minutes to listen to Dr. Franco, so there might be a good amount of people.

Dr. Franco said we should do a couple of pilot coffee socials, and if it works, we can plan more.

Julie said we should probably have the coffee socials at 9 or 10 am.

Jessie asked if all staff would be invited to the coffee socials.
- Julie said yes, all Student Affairs staff.

Julie said it will be a come and go type of event; not very formal.

Julie said we also might want to think about splitting off the New Employee Welcome from the State of the Division Breakfast so that the new employees have a time that they can network amongst themselves and maybe with the directors as well.
- Dr. Franco emphasized that communication and professional development are important priorities for the division.

Staff Council Elections - Julie
- Linda and Dr. Franco thanked Julie for her work as Student Affairs Staff Council Chair.
- Election took place by ballot.
  - Kacey was elected Chair.
  - Amy was elected Vice Chair.
  - Megan was re-elected Secretary.
  - Gary was elected Sub-Committee Chair.

Department Updates
- Amy - Nebraska Unions & Student Involvement
  - The old Wells Fargo bank space in the Union will become another meeting room with a Big 10 theme.
- Megan - Student Money Management Center
  - Megan is graduating with her MBA in Finance today.
- Linda - Center for Civic Engagement
  - 20 students from Sub-Saharan African will be here January 9 - February 5 and will be at Selleck.
- Julie - Dining Services & Housing
  - Selleck is open over winter break this year.
- Students must move into Selleck if they are staying during University shutdown
- There will be some special meals provided for students who are staying on campus during the shutdown
- There will be more renovations to Selleck
  - Kerra - OASIS (Added via email after meeting)
    - Dish It Up will resume on Jan. 12th (every Tuesday) from 12-1 pm in OASIS Student Lounge
    - OASIS & E.N Thompson event featuring Wes Moore Jan. 19th 7-8 pm at the Lied Center
    - Bi/Multicultural Student Lunch panel Jan. 29th 12-1 pm in Unity room
    - OASIS Law School Day Feb 26th
      - We are thinking that the schedule might look like this:
      10:15 — Arrive/Welcome/Dean gives short talk on flexibility of a law degree and the choices it gives students
      10:45-11:30 — Panel of current students
      11:30-12:00 — Tour of the law school
      12:00-1:00 — Lunch with current students
      1:00-2:00 — Property Class
      2:00-2:20 — Career Development Presentation
      2:20-3:00 — Conversation with Admissions
  - No updates from the other departments

- The next Staff Council Meeting will be Wednesday, January 20th