Student Affairs Staff Council

Meeting Minutes 02/18/2015

Council Members Present: Julie, Kacey, Megan, Jessie, Nancy, Ron, Luke, Amy, Linda

• Linda- Dr. Franco’s update
  o 2 senators in the Nebraska State Legislature would like UNL to be a wet campus
    ▪ Senator Tyson Larson argued that with UNL being a dry campus, that it is pushing people out into the neighborhoods to drink and party
    ▪ Linda noted that having a wet campus would bring along increased costs due to security issues and damages to University property
    ▪ Kacey mentioned the negative impact that game days would have if UNL was a wet campus
    ▪ Julie mentioned the fraternity member death last year
    ▪ Linda mentioned that the senator’s Georgetown experience affects his views on it
    ▪ The Regents have the authority to change the status from dry to wet campus
    ▪ Right now, you can get a permit to serve alcohol on campus for events

• Kacey- 2012 Employee Professional and Personal Development and Climate Survey
  o Last meeting, communication was our biggest concern
  o We discussed having events during breaks, potentially 4 times per year
  o Kacey asked what goal or topic the Council would like the first workshop during Spring Break to be on
  o Kacey asked if we can do more to improve communication besides posting minutes and giving them to department heads
  o Nancy mentioned that the Health Center now has a newsletter that she could put things in
  o Julie said that she really only has control over her area and that department heads are really in control of whether or not they pass minutes, etc. down to their employees
  o Kacey asked the Council whether we would like our first workshop to be for just the Council or if we wanted to open it up to the whole division
    ▪ Julie and Nancy said they would like it to be just the Council this time
  o Linda mentioned Erin Wirth (UHC) as a potential speaker on communication
    ▪ Julie asked Kacey to invite Erin to the next meeting
  o Ron suggested John Goldrich (UHC) because he had presented to intramural staff on conflict management in the past
  o Linda asked the Council what problems we would like Erin to help us address?
    ▪ Council members suggested the problem of information not getting passed down from department heads
    ▪ Ron mentioned that he would like to get to know more people in other departments so that he can offer to help with their events, if applicable
  o Linda asked the Council if Student Affairs should have a newsletter again
    ▪ Linda mentioned there will be a new Student Affairs marketing person
    ▪ Ron asked about the Student Affairs Facebook page
Kacey said there has not been a lot of interaction with the page
Julie said that not many staff in housing are on computers all day and that there is a need for non-electronic communication
Nancy agreed that electronic is not always the best way to communicate
Kacey questioned if she should post minutes on the SA Facebook page or if it should be more of a hub for students
Julie mentioned that social media is not really a priority for housing

- Linda- Mattering Survey
  o The 15th question was eliminated
  o The Mattering Survey is now ready to go
  o There are 2 separate surveys- one for C-line staff and one for managerial/professional staff
  o Julie asked for the timeline for completing the survey
    ▪ Linda said respondents would be given 3 weeks to complete the survey and would get email reminders
  o Linda asked what the best time to do the survey would be
    ▪ Kacey suggested now/soon because it is cold so people will be inside more

- Staff Council goals for 2015
  o Julie asked if anyone had thought of what we would like the Council to accomplish in 2015
  o Julie mentioned that at the last meeting we decided that subcommittees were not necessary since we are a small group
  o Ron would like to do service projects and asked if we would be able to incorporate other members of Student Affairs divisions into service projects
    ▪ Nancy mentioned combining a workshop and a service project such as collecting items for Open Shelf
    ▪ Nancy suggested service projects that benefit students
    ▪ Linda mentioned the Career Closet (example of University of Arkansas' Career Closet)
  o Luke mentioned the need for Staff Council to have greater visibility among the Student Affairs division since many staff don't know the Council exists

- Member Updates
  o Ron- Rec Center
    ▪ The Flatland Climbing Competition will be held on March 7th
    ▪ A regional basketball tournament will be held March 7-8
    ▪ New East Campus Rec Center may be opened in July
      ▸ It will have areas that the current City Rec facility doesn't have
  o Luke- Greek Affairs
    ▪ New executive officers have been trained
    ▪ They are preparing for the fall by making a new video
    ▪ In March there is a Greek Preview for high school students
    ▪ They are preparing for summer recruitment events
    ▪ Combatting the alcohol culture in the greek system is still a priority and they are reviewing policies and event planning procedures in regards to that
Nancy- Health Center
- CAPS is hosting the Big Ten Counseling Centers Conference Feb. 25-27
- There was a staff Open House last week and dental services were available for students
- There will be lots of events for Eating Disorder Awareness Week Feb. 23-27
- UHC, CAPS, and the College of Nursing will be combined into a new building
  - Talks with architects are just beginning
  - It will be south of the Beadle Center
  - There will be a height constraint (number of floors) due to the greenhouse
  - Julie expressed concern over the UHC not being in central campus anymore
    - Nancy said that is a concern and some people like it closer to housing
  - Ron asked if any services would be dropped
    - Nancy said no, and that UNMC could potentially offer services to staff/faculty

Amy- Union Services & Student Involvement
- Bank construction is continuing
  - Interactive kiosks will be coming for the bank
  - The bank would like to be wireless
- Kacey asked if a decision had been made yet on what to do with the Wells Fargo campus branch space
  - Amy said no decision has been made yet
- The South side (outside) of the Union will be redone because of drainage problems and will be more like the plaza on the North side
- There will potentially be a meditation room on the 3rd floor of the Union
- There is a position open for Student Involvement

Linda- Center for Civic Engagement
- The 2nd Study of the U.S. Institute (SUSI) on Civic Engagement for Student Leaders was conducted
- 20 students came to campus for the SUSI program
  - One student was diagnosed with bone cancer while they were here. Linda commended the Health Center on their work with her
  - Linda mentioned that the Student Money Management Center should be part of the students’ orientation next year since some students had problems with managing the money they were given for food, etc.
- More service trips are in the works

Jessie- ASUN
- Student elections will be until March
- Friends Beyond Borders- international students are matched with domestic students

Kacey- VCSA Office
- The Dean of Students Office is busy as always
- Tonda is beginning to plan for the next Parents’ Weekend
- The graduate assistant is helping with the Dine & Dialogues

Megan- Student Money Management Center
New promotion for March- if students have a one-on-one appointment in March, they can play our new Plinko game and win free stuff

Usually a rush of students before and after breaks

Preparing for workshops coming up

- Julie- Dining Services

  Julie handed out a sheet detailing her department’s updates. Notably,
  - Gender inclusive housing is now available for students, which are apartment and suite style
  - Lots of students (251) applied for RA (Resident Assistant) positions this year
    - Luke asked how many positions are open
    - Julie guessed less than 100
  - They are recruiting for Intercultural Aids and Learning Community Mentors
  - On Wed. Feb. 25th there will be the Power of Language program at the Union
  - Res Life will go to the Oshkosh Placement Exchange at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh from Feb. 27- March 1 to interview for RD (Residence Director) positions
  - Dining will be hosting the NACUFS Midwest Regional Conference March 22-24 during Spring Break
  - Selleck is having a special Chinese New Year dinner on Feb. 19
  - CPN is hosting an Italian Good, Fresh, & Local dinner on Feb. 19
  - Huskers On The Go in the basement of Selleck is now open for grab & go type meals
    - Linda asked the cost
    - Julie replied $10

- The next Staff Council Meeting will be Wednesday, March 18th at 1:30 pm in room 212