Student Affairs Staff Council

Meeting Minutes 04/15/2015

Council Members Present: Dr. Franco, Julie, Kacey, Megan, Jessie, Ron, Amy, Linda, Luke

• Dr. Franco’s update
  o New NU President Hank Bounds started on April 13th
    ▪ Pres. Bounds attended the Spring Game and the most recent Board of Regents meeting
  o The new interim Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs will be Ronnie Green
  o Shelley Zaborowski is the new Executive Director of the Alumni Association
  o A memorial for students who passed away this year was held a couple weeks ago
    ▪ The fountain was lit red in memoriam
  o ASUN inauguration recently occurred for newly elected executives and senators
  o Impact Awards ceremony was on April 10th- recognized individuals and organizations
    ▪ PREVENT was the Outstanding Student Organization winner and received a $500 award
    ▪ Outstanding Student Leadership awards were given out
    ▪ Awards were based on service, integrity, and helping to develop leadership capabilities in other students
  o All-University Honors Convocation was on April 12th
    ▪ Over 200 students were recognized for having a 4.0, among other accomplishments
  o The Newman Center is officially open in its new location at 320 North 16th Street
  o April 15th is the Mexican American Student Association banquet
  o April 16th is the Service & Character Council ceremony
    ▪ Will be giving out the Spirit of Service award, faculty awards, recognizing students who have completed the certificate program, Franco’s List recipients
    ▪ Franco’s List- Staff are able to nominate students. Awards are based on character and high integrity, not just on academic achievements
  o April 18th is the Big Event- about 3000 students have signed up so far

• Linda- Employee Profile
  o Only 92 students out of 1400 or so student workers in Student Affairs are work study
  o 36% of work study students are non-white
  o Student workers are more diverse than permanent staff in Student Affairs
  o She said now has access to staff emails to send employees the survey
  o We had a 51% student response rate
  o She asked if we should develop new recruiting strategies for underrepresented groups
    ▪ Julie said that her department sometimes has problems with staff needing information translated into their native languages
      ➢ Luke suggested the Confucius Institute
      ➢ Megan suggested working with the Modern Languages Department
      ➢ Linda suggested working with Lincoln Public Schools
Jessie suggested working with student organizations
Linda asked what languages were most needed; Vietnamese, Mandarin, Spanish

- Linda- Mattering Survey
  - 808/1556 students responded for a 51% response rate
  - Research suggests mattering may be related to retention
  - The last point will be taken off: Would UNL suffer if you weren’t here?

- Kacey- Fall Celebration
  - Tentative date is September 25th which is Homecoming Friday
  - We will move tables to be able to see and hear better
  - Food will be moved for better flow of traffic
  - Julie suggested that Council members help usher in staff
  - Jessie said in the past assigned tables hadn’t worked
  - Luke said he could probably get a sound system borrowed for free or for under $100
  - Some type of roadblock was suggested so that new employees would have to check in
  - We need to try to get the price down for food
  - Julie said some Selleck staff would be willing to put together decorations for us
  - Dr. Franco suggested that new employees must be present to get their gift bag
  - Kacey mentioned that the Student Affairs handbook will be digital, not printed, this year

- Linda- Communication Workshop
  - Linda said she had extended an invitation to a potential speaker with no response yet

- Member Updates
  - Julie- Dining Services & Housing
    - Julie handed out a sheet detailing her department’s updates. Notably,
      - Culture Shock will be April 26th
      - Food on a Stick Day is April 23rd
      - Samurai dinner is April 16th
      - Selleck closes May 28th and will be completely closed July 9th through August 14th for renovations
      - CPN will serve students and most conferences
  - Amy- Union Services & Student Involvement
    - There were 3 bids for the Union catering Request For Proposal and we should know who will get the contract by the end of April
    - Candidates will be in this week for the Student Involvement Registered Student Organization Director position
    - Lots of events are going on in the Union
  - Ron- Rec Center
    - They will be holding a Senior Breakfast for their graduating seniors
    - There is a faculty/staff golf league that we can join
- Inter campus golf scramble will be May 20th
  - Jessie - ASUN
    - New executives are at B1G on the Hill in Washington D.C.
    - The Big Event is Saturday, April 18th
    - There are activities being held for Environmental Awareness Month
    - Homecoming candidate applications and applications for open ASUN positions are due Friday, April 17th
  - Megan - Student Money Management Center
    - April is Financial Literacy Month and we will be giving away free stuff every week
    - April 18th-25th is Money Smart Week
    - Very busy with events as groups like to get in presentations before the semester ends
    - April 29th is a free concert in the Union Centennial Room with a Midwest band called Gooding. There will be a financial literacy presentation by the band after the concert. The SMMC will be giving out gift bags at the event. Union Bank is also sponsoring.
  - Kacey - VCSA Office
    - Dr. Franco covered their events
- The next Staff Council Meeting will be Wednesday, May 20th at 1:30 pm in Room 212