

STAFF COUNCIL MEETING
August 16, 2012

The Staff Council met at 1:30 p.m. in Shaw 208. In attendance were Stacy Tichenor, Jane Baines, Dale Conover, Adriane Powell, Jeremy Spencer, Cheri Armstrong, Michael Thompson, Leslie Betz, and Cathy Spitz.

Old Business:

Minutes: Jane made a motion to approve the 7/18/12 meeting minutes with corrections, seconded by Adriane. Minutes were approved.

New Business:

Special Guest Associate Provost Frank Boyd: Dr. Boyd gave the staff council an overview of the new classroom building. The new building will include collaborative spaces for students to work and meet. These spaces will be equipped with data and wireless access. Classroom spaces will be available to be scheduled for meetings outside of class times including the case study room and seminar rooms. Dr. Boyd asked staff council to forward to him any additional suggestions on how staff might use the building. Cathy asked if staff would be working on all floors. Faculty and staff office will be located on the third floor only, similar to the arrangement in the CLA. Dale asked who would be moving into CLA. That has yet to be determined. Dale asked if there would be electricity available on the Commencement Plaza. The Commencement Plaza has been designed with boxes for data and electricity available. There is also a yard box with data cables in the yard about 50 feet out from the Plaza. At this time, the plan is to hold commencement on the Plaza in May.

Staff Professional Activity and Involvement Site: Adriane created a page on the staff council website for this information. Staff council members will need to decide how best to gather information from staff to include on this page and develop guidelines for what information will be included. Michael Thompson will look at peer institutions to determine possibilities for how this might be done.

Banking Vacation Time: Staff council members will review notes from the previous March 14th discussion on this topic. There was a previous discussion about why using sick time for sick time would not work under the current sick time policy and short-term disability plan. There was also a question raised regarding how to assess the interest of staff in participating in a vacation time for sick time program. Cathy will inquire if it is possible to explore a sick time for sick time program for non-exempt staff only.

New Staff: Staff council members are needed for the next luncheon with new staff. This question brought up the need to fill the positions on the peer mentoring sub-committee previously held by Ann and Julie. Stacy will talk to Ann to find out what is involved in the peer mentoring program and will report back to staff council. Other sub-committee positions are being filled by Cheri Armstrong, Newsletter, Michael Thompson, UCD Staff Diversity and Dale Conover, GREENetwork.

Questions from Staff: Julie forwarded on the question regarding Sodexo to Mike Welsh; however, there has been no response yet.

The next regular staff council meeting will be held Friday, September 21st at 10:00 a.m. in the Faculty/Staff Lounge, Memorial Center. Dean of Students Karla Carney-Hall will be invited to the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Betz