

Staff Council Notes  
March 23, 2010

In attendance: Amy William, Peggy Mason, Kim Smith, Karen Setliff, Penny Rice, Trish Powlas, Lisa Hilliard Bridgette Gibbs, and Sharon Newsome. Rick Stephens attended the meeting for a short time to address the group.

Amy Williams called the meeting to order and announced that Dr. Stephens will address the group later in the meeting.

The staff drive for Rowan Helping Ministries is now in effect. Boxes for donations are in the Cannon Student Center-Student Affairs Office, Hedrick Administration Building –Registrar’s Office and Provost Office, Goodman Gym, Hayes Field House, Corriher-Linn Library, and the Ketner School of Business. The drive dates are March 22 through April 12. The need for this time of year is peanut butter, canned meats, rice, oatmeal and/or money. If staff would like to make a monetary donation, please make checks payable to Rowan Helping Ministries and put in campus mail to Craig Turnbull.

The sub-committee for submitted nominations for the Louise Tucker Award and Staff Council Members voted by ranking the top four nominations (4=highest, 1=lowest). The winner will be announced at Awards Convocation. There was a discussion of possible changes to the vote for next year. Members requested that the entire Staff Council have the ability to review the comments or nomination forms for the final candidates before the vote. Staff Council agreed to continue with a weighted vote and discussed the possibility of moving the vote on-line next year.

The next item on the agenda was staff groupings. Group 1 consists of the Business Office and Financial Aid; Group 2 consists of Public Relations, Human Resources, Development, President’s Office and the Center for the Environment. Group 3 consists of Maintenance, Grounds, Office of Waste Management and Recycling; Group 4 consists of Admissions, Health Services, Student Affairs, Registrar’s Office and Post Office; Group 5 consists of Public Safety Office; Group 6 consists of Housekeeping; Group 7 consists of Provost Office, Education, SEGS, Music, Chaplain; Bio/Chem and Ketner School of Business. Group 8 consists of Computer Services and the Library; Group 9 consists of Physical Education and Group 10 consists of Field House. After reviewing the groups, we found that there was no representative for housekeeping on Staff Council. There was a discussion of moving Housekeeping to Group 3. Other changes discussed for staff grouping were: Combine groups 9 and 10 (Physical Education and the Field House), Combine group 3 and 6 (Facilities and Housekeeping) and move Student Affairs from group 4 to group 5 (Public Safety) and move CENV from group 2 to group 3.

Dr. Stephens attended the meeting and discussed restructuring of the academic program. He informed the group that GEAR is looking at the the general education requirement and are making changes. The faculty will vote on these changes for general education requirements at the April 6<sup>th</sup> faculty meeting. Dr. Stephens commented that if we can get through this, it will be a good thing and it will help with recruitment and retention. There was some concern that the restructure may cause some majors to disappear. The restructure itself will not cause majors to disappear. The biggest challenge is the large number of courses that required for a major and the few number of gen ed courses. Dr. Stephens assured everyone that they will continue to look at all of it. There was also a discussion regarding Independent studies. Would students be able to do an independent study if we do not have certain classes available, (ex. Modern Foreign Language). Dr Stephens commented that we would look at that on an individual basis.

Dr. Stephens thanked the staff who participated in the fundraiser. The fundraiser was a huge success and we raised over \$700,000 in a month. He informed staff council that information regarding GEAR committee would be disseminated after the meeting in April. Dr. Stephens thanked the group and left the meeting.

Amy Williams commented that the next Staff Council meeting will be announced by Craig Turnbull.

Sharon Newsome  
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