

Catawba College
STAFF COUNCIL
April 26, 2011
11:00 AM - Whitener Room

Council Members in Attendance: Christy Clifton, Ann Dunn, Mike Eden, Shane Flowe, Amanda Lanier, Todd McComb, Eric Nianouris, Ray Porter, Trish Powlas, Kim Smith, and Amy Williams.

Amy Williams, *Council Chair*, called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM.

Second Vote on By-Laws:

The second vote necessary for approval of Staff Council By-Laws was the first order of business on the agenda. Ms. Williams stated that there had been no changes made to the by-laws since the council approved them in March. Ann Dunn moved that the By-Laws be approved as presented. Shane Flowe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The newly approved by-laws will go into effect in June 2011. They will affect the voting process for 2011/2012.

Replacements for Retiring Staff Members:

Several council members will be completing their three year terms in May and have arranged for replacements from their area.

- Sarah Rossini will be replacing Sharon Newsome
- Alexandra Watts will be replacing Trish Powlas

Sharon Newsome recommended earlier that Shane Flowe remain on the council as representative from Public Safety for a third term. Shane indicated his willingness to serve. Amy Williams suggested that perhaps we might look into making Shane an ex-officio liaison to the council like Tonia Black-Gold.

Physical Education/Athletics will look into finding a staff member who is interested in taking Todd McComb's seat on Staff Council.

Financial Aid/Admissions will need to find a staff member to serve the remainder of Rashad Smith's un-expired term on the council. Rashad's term ends 5/13.

Beginning in the 2011/2012 academic year, replacements for staff members whose terms are expiring will be chosen through a formal election process.

Nominations for Chair Elect:

The following persons were nominated for Chair Elect of the Staff Council.

Bridgette Gibbs	Nominated by Sharon Newsome
Rodney Rymer	Nominated by Kim Smith

Neither of the individuals nominated to serve as Chair Elect were present at the meeting to indicate their willingness to serve. As soon as Amy Williams receives approval from each candidate, council members will be asked to submit their vote electronically.

Nominations for Recording Secretary:

The following persons were nominated for Recording Secretary.

- Ann Dunn
- Kim Smith

Kim requested that her name be withdrawn from the list of nominees due to her commitment to the Staff Mentor Program.

It was moved, seconded, and approved that Ann Dunn serve as Recording Secretary for the academic year 2011/2012.

Rowan Helping Ministries Collection Drive:

The third Rowan Helping Ministries Collection Drive will be held Monday May 2 – Friday May 6. Items needed by RHM this month are cereals, canned meats, and canned fruits. Boxes will be placed in the usual locations on Monday May 2. Items collected may be turned in to Amy Williams on Friday May 6.

Follow-up on Staff Enrichment Programs:

The guided walk in the Ecological Preserve with Joe Poston, originally planned for this spring, has been postponed until Fall of 2011 due to Mr. Poston's broken foot.

The April enrichment program on personal budgeting by Darin Spencer was cancelled due to Mr. Spencer's unavoidable appointment for an MRI. Mr. Spencer will be undergoing hip surgery this summer. We hope to be able to schedule his presentation for a date in the Fall.

X2 (Times Two) Mentoring Program Information:

Amy Williams passed out information she received on the X2 (Times Two) Mentoring Matters Program. She encouraged council members to read and study the information. Council members who feel called to this type of community service are encouraged to volunteer for 2011/2012. Amy will forward the information to all Catawba faculty and staff via email.

Special Interest Activities to Continue:

Special interest activities will be continuing throughout the summer. Kim Smith stated that they are going to try to keep the book groups going through the summer months.

Staff Reception:

Staff Council is continuing with plans to hold a Staff Reception on Wednesday May 25. Pending availability, the event will take place in the newly renovated Lily Center. Amy Williams will send an email outlining further details of the event.

May 24 Covered Dish Luncheon/Staff Council Meeting:

The primary agenda for the May 24 Staff Council Meeting will be the annual covered dish luncheon held to welcome new council members and bid farewell to outgoing members. The meeting will be held in the Whitener Room at 11:00 AM. Current members of the Staff Council will be providing food and drinks for the event.

Staff Council will not meet during the months of June and July unless necessary. The council will resume meetings in August 2011.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Respectfully Submitted

Ann Dunn (for Sharon Newsome, Recording Secretary)