UNC Charlotte Staff Council Meeting
Minutes of 2015-2016
June 8, 2016 - 9:00 am
Cone 112

Officers present: Jim Kay (Chair), Penny Stevens (Vice Chair), Amanda Simpson (Secretary), Kimi Tippett (Treasurer), Jessica Barton (Communications Director)

Representatives present: Keisha Martin (Area 1), Lora Bassett (Area 2), Sharon Reichard (Area 3), Celeste Corpening (Area 4), Jerry Sellers (Area 5), Dave Frantzreb (Area 6), Ron Greer (Area 9), Cindy Edwards (Area 10), Clyde Derberry (Area 11) Katherine Humphries (Area 12), Frank Hogan (Area 13), Dwight Nealey (Area 15B), Debby Watts (Area 17), Rachel Kaplan (Area 18)

Representatives absent with notice: Julia Martin (Area 8)

Representatives absent without notice: Jennifer Winningham (Area 14), Ronnie Bell (Area 15A)

Alternates present: Chris Garcia (Area 2), Bev Guessford (Area 8), Jennah Bennett (Area 11), Virgie Fewell (Area 12A), Michael Garrett (Area 14), Dennis Kowalski (Area 15B), Gillian Perry (Area 17)

Guests present: Diana Hill, Donnie Watkins

Guest Speaker: Dave Perry (Venture Programs)

- Call to Order & Welcome: Jim Kay, Chair
- Moment of Silence: Jim Kay, Chair
- Recognition of Dave Perry: Jim Kay, Chair
  - Please hold July 13th for the upcoming Staff Council Retreat. At the Staff Council Retreat the new council will be sworn in, a training session will be held for all the new and old Council as well as a team building event. The team building event will be the Venture Ropes Course and Dave Perry is here to give us more information on that activity.

- Guest Speaker: Dave Perry, Director of Venture Programs at UNC Charlotte
  - Dave began by thanking Debby Watts for her service to the council and committing to representing for their area on the Staff Council.
  - Dave Perry gave a brief summary of team building activities offered through UNC Charlotte Venture Programs. There are immobile activities, low challenge and high challenge courses. The immobile are more geared to conference/classroom based situations or icebreaker type activities, while the low and high challenges are different physical challenges on an obstacle course.
  - These activities create opportunities to grow as an individual and as a team when they are confronted with a situation that is not comfortable for most individuals. Diana Hill spoke of the benefits her department gained through participation in these activities, Jim Kay encouraged everyone to actively participate during the Staff Council Retreat and asked that they keep this organization in mind for events throughout the year.
  - Dave Perry directed Council members to the website at venture.uncc.edu for programs and policies.

Dave Perry exited the meeting.

Meeting adjourned for a short recess at 9:15am.
Meeting called back to order at 9:30am.
• Officers’ reports:

Jim Kay, Chair
• Jim Kay thanked the board for their support and collaboration during his tenure as Chair. He cannot express how much of an impact the Council has had on the university from all of us working together to serve this wonderful community.
• The Chair reflected on his time serving on the Staff Council and expressed that he feels service is leaving things better than you found them. He reminded members that your role on Staff Council isn’t about making it a career but doing your part to help the institution grow and develop for years to come. An environment for growth brings change, dynamics, and opportunities – he believes in this body to bring about these changes well into the future. The Chair reassured the committee that there is a great deal of interest in Council positions and Executive Council roles which will serve the Staff Council well for years to come although are processes to aid those areas where there may be limited interest at this time.
• Penny Stevens thanked Jim Kay for his ongoing support and service over the years.
• Jim Kay asked that those representatives up for re-election encourage individuals in your area to consider service as it is vital to a strong partnership with our peers and colleagues. For those individuals that are up for re-election please continue to show your committed dedication by attending meetings and events well into the future.

Penny Stevens, Vice Chair
• Penny Stevens thanked everyone that volunteered for the Janet B. Royster Memorial Staff Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament. The event raised $30,000 and will go towards scholarships to assist those in need. 2016 Janet B. Royster Memorial Staff Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament winners are: 1st - Winston-Salem State, 2nd - North Carolina State University, and 3rd - East Carolina University

Kimi Tippett, Treasurer
• Please see Budget reports for the state of funds.

Jessica Barton, Communications
• The Staff Council received 19 Golden Nugget for the month of May. Certificates were distributed to the appropriate representatives for distribution to their areas. Please distribute the certificates and gifts promptly if you have any in your area. Please encourage others to use the program to motivate your peers and colleagues. Staff members can nominate Golden Nugget recipients here.

• Committee Reports:

Events Committee, Celeste Corpening
• Celeste reminded the Council that the committee is planning for an event you won’t miss this year! Mark your calendars for the Fall Festival on October 11, 2016.
• A sign-up sheet was distributed for area representatives to join in reaching out to local organizations regarding donations for Fall Festival. Please sign-up and actively work on donated items to raffle at the event. Please consider volunteering your time to make the event a great success!

Safety Committee, Jerry LeComte
• Jerry LeComte informed the committee that he is working on an event for Alcohol Awareness on September 9th. If you are able to volunteer to help with the event it would be greatly appreciated!

Current Events Committee, Dave Frantzreb
• Dave Frantzreb asked that everyone be on the lookout for an e-mail regarding Graduate School Open House. He encouraged everyone to use the tuition waiver benefit provided to us in order to continue their education.

• Miscellaneous:
• Jim Kay announced that Debby Watts will be the new representative for Area 17 with Gillian Perry as the alternate. Jim Kay thanked Sherry Bruce for her service and dedication to the Council.

• Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 10:27 AM.

Amanda Simpson