

STAFF CONFERENCE – AUGUST 16, 2016

Grant Scurry called to order at 2:04 p.m.

Minutes were approved.

All staff assembly representatives introduced/re-introduced themselves to the audience.

PRESIDENT DAN MAHONY expressed excitement over students arriving for the new year.

For his Q & A session:

1. Updates on the Heritage committee: committee met on a recent afternoon. People can talk to PROVOST DEBRA BOYD about joining it. They are looking into informative programs, like the history of Tillman Hall, etc.
2. Parking decals: University Relations designs them, Campus Police reviews them. Mentions that he'd like to have a parking committee created.
3. Welcome Back party: 30-40% of money was spent at the beginning of the year for events. He would like to meet with some people again soon to figure out future events. Introduced Neal Miller, new director of university events.
4. Staff representative on personnel committee?: No—it's not meant to be a committee representative of the entire campus. Not a great place for tons of people and for everyone to advocate for their own people. More people would lead to negative relationships.

Lori Tuttle shared information about Winthrop Day at Carowinds on Aug. 27.

Chris Johnson, sustainability coordinator, answered and asked questions about a university document shredding day. He asked if some departments already have trucks coming in for shredding work. Michelle Hare asked about a shredder contract. Johnson said it would be expensive. People were receptive to a shredding day, but best days/times of year were different for all. He was still looking into it.

He also shared information about a tree replacement plan due to all the trees we've lost on campus. The committee hopes to have a plan in place by Dec. 2, Arbor Day.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Elections and Nominations – N/A
- Media and Communications—asked for newsletter submissions
- Professional Development—Tom Injaychock introduced Goldie Gildehaus as new chair. Wake Up Friday event coming up for the library. Ellin McDonough shared information about a Sept. 1 voter training TLC session for Winthrop's voter-friendly campus designation.
- Campus and Community Involvement—Future events, including the Winthrop Night at the Farmer's Market and Food Truck Friday, were mentioned.
- Recognition—Staff members of the month nominees

Pam Gillette received Staff Member of the Month.

Grant Scurry shared about the Board of Trustee committee appointments for staff representatives (see last minutes).

He also introduced Lisa Brody as the new parliamentarian.

A staff conference reception will be Sept. 20—details to come.

The president has asked staff assembly to think of what a budget would be for staff events.

Staff Feedback:

*Maria D'Agostino mentioned that there is now a staff conference calendar online.

Grant Scurry adjourned at 2:41 p.m.