

## Staff Assembly Minutes

10/7/14

Polly Ford Conference Room, West Center

Meeting called to order at 2:00 p.m.

Members present: Jeanie Faris, Grant Scurry, Margaret Williamson, Rosanne Wallace, Maria D'Agostino, TJ Carney, Rebecca Best, Kelly Shelton, Sharen DuBard, Jill Stuckey, Jill Simpson

Members absent: Niki Behr, Kelly McGinnis

Welcome to the new members, Jill Simpson and Jill Stuckey. The current staff assembly members introduced themselves and the department they each represent.

### I. Presidential Search Consultant

Overall impression from the public meeting with the consultant was positive. Reflections on the assembly meeting with consultant: our concerns were heard and retained. Staff members were very impressed overall with the professionalism and scope of Mr. Funk's abilities as a consultant. One question addressed to Mr. Funk at the public meeting is why would a president want to come in after the year and issues Winthrop has experienced? He stated that it is better for the candidate to come in and feel like you have made difference after such experience.

### II. Bylaws

Suggestions made by Debra Boyd were reviewed and accepted. Bylaws were conditionally approved by staff assembly members. The Preface was prepared and presented to assembly by Maria D'Agostino. Staff Assembly reviewed, suggested changes in wording and grammar and will be further review by Jill and Maria for final version.

### III. Committee Updates

Professional Development Committee Members – Tom Injaychock, Jamilyn Larsen, Carol Schlabach, Cheryl Hingle, Brett Best (chair), Sharen DuBard

First meeting on October 2<sup>nd</sup> discussed job-sharing, 'day in the life...' where staff members could work alongside another staff member to see what their job entails. Examples: watch art gallery setup, apprenticeships, greenhouse. Tuesday October 28<sup>th</sup> will be their next meeting. Suggestion was made to check with Walter Hardin about the W.I.L.L. (Winthrop Invests in Lifelong Learning) program for ideas.

Campus and Community Involvement Committee – Kelly Shelton, Margaret Anne Comer, Deborah Wells

October 23, 2014 Winthrop Wide Pink Out Day is a suggestion. 10:30 to 12:30, open area in front of DIGS and gather for information and possible baked goods from Publix.

A food drive during holidays is also being considered.

Recognition Committee – Niki is absent and we will get an update from her at the next meeting.

Media and Communications Committee Members: Ann Barrett, Chrissy Catoe, Maria D'Agostino, Shelly Jones (chair), Judy Longshaw, Arenette McNeil (secretary), TJ Carney, Tracy Holbert

Newsletter will be the best method to get information to staff. The newsletter will include announcements from your areas, births, area discounts, what is coming up in the next months. They will be available on the staff assembly website as well as emailed. They would like to have a staff spotlight on people 'caught doing good' and include information about the action in the newsletter. They agreed that a Facebook page would be a good communication method. It would be a private group with rules on that would not allow bashing or complaining. Sharen DuBard suggested that they advertise staff members can attend all athletic with free admission.

Elections and Nominations Committee – Becky Best

No updates to report at this time.

IV. Breast Cancer Awareness Month event

See Committee Discussions above

V. Staff Conference Agenda items

Send ideas/suggestions to Margaret Williamson