

Winthrop University
Staff Assembly Meeting Minutes
Aug. 7, 2018
Polly Ford Conference Room

Staff Assembly Present: Nicole Chisari, Laura Johnson, Lydia Johnson, Wes Love, Kelly McGinnis, Kirk McSwain, Alicia Marstall, Brittany Neely, Daphne Sears, Johnathan Brabson, Cheryl Gomez

Absent: Rachel Glover, Julia Fockler

Vacancies: Finance & Business Affairs & two positions in Academic Affairs

Nicole Chisari, Chair, called meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

- Staff Assembly minutes of July 3 were approved.
- Staff Conference minutes of July 17 were approved.

Nicole then introduced Johnathan Brabson and Cheryl Gomez.

Nicole then described the open positions of vice chair. Our Bylaws state that the person who is vice chair must have been a Staff Assembly member for at least one year (page 4, section C, item iii). The proposal is to add: "If no member volunteers and/or fits this criteria, this requirement may be lifted, and any Staff Assembly member will be eligible for the vice chair role." In addition, it's proposed that the division name Student Life be changed to Student Affairs and Business & Finance to Business & Finance Affairs.

Committee Updates:

Campus & Community Involvement - Daphne reported that she attended the last meeting and they are working on various projects for the year. In place of the Come See Me Festival this upcoming year, they are working on a staff appreciation picnic.

Election & Nominations - Becky has sent out an email regarding the two open Academic Affairs positions, it closes on Aug. 17. A call for nominations for the open Finance & Business Affairs position went out.

Media & Communications - Kelly reported that the newsletter came out yesterday (Aug. 6) and there is a meeting scheduled for later today.

Professional Development - Brittany reported the next meeting in Aug. 14. Goldie is leaving Winthrop, so they are currently looking for a new chairperson.

Recognition - Wes reported that the nominations were very low, so they may wait until September to have another Staff Member of the Month. They are considering having a Staff Member of the summer during the summer months.

Staff Feedback - Rachel was not at the meeting, so Kirk reported that they have had no meetings this summer and will be scheduling a meeting soon. Nicole mentioned that she would like to spotlight their committee in September if possible.

New Business-

Suggestions for speakers for our upcoming meetings was discussed. Several ideas were discussed, such as Bryan Harriss from Sodexo, new Dean Adrienne McCormick, new Vice President for Student Affairs Shelia Burkhalter and Geoff Morrow from PESH. In September the mental health professional will be speaking. The Ghost Tours for October was a great idea. Other ideas were the benefits of the West Center/Wellness Fair.

Old Business-

The Ombudsman issue was vetted and will be presented at Faculty Conference in August or September. Nicole has asked to be present at that meeting.

Nicole checked on the availability of Whitton for our meetings. They will not allow the room for the tables needed for all of us, so that space will not be usable for our meetings.

We will need a representative for the Board of Trustee meetings for the Compensation Committee. Rachel Glover had committed

The HR focus groups met, all persons who were invited to attend had to sign a non-disclosure agreement, and so all meetings are confidential.

Next Staff Conference is August 28 at Dina's Place at 2 p.m.

Next Staff Assembly is Tuesday, September 4 at 2 p.m. in the West Center.

Meeting adjourned at 2:46 pm.