

**Staff Conference Meeting Minutes
Whitton Auditorium
October 20, 2015**

Grant Scurry, Staff Assembly Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm.

Grant thanked Dr. Mahony for the recent staff appreciation luncheon held in Thompson Cafeteria.

Grant acknowledged the approval of minutes and reminded everyone that minutes from both Staff Assembly meetings and Staff Conference meetings are available on the Staff Assembly website.

Comments from Dr. Mahony

- Strategic planning committees have started. Members of these groups were selected by deans, Debra Boyd, Grant Scurry, John Bird, etc. Ultimately, everyone will have a chance to give input whether or not you've been assigned to a committee. There are strategic priorities in addition to the subjects being examined by each group. The working groups are scheduled to submit initial ideas in January. New groups will be formed from time to time as needs arise such as Knowledge Park, BMX events, etc. Others will get a chance to participate.
- The November 6th Democratic Forum is happening. There may be inconveniences that week but the national exposure will provide a huge payback. Classes will be held that day. There is discussion of an overflow area for viewing a screening of the forum. Location is yet to be determined. Everyone was thanked in advance for their patience.

Strategic Planning Committee for Academic Programs

Kara Traverse indicated her committee had been tasked with providing a list of recommendations for ways to enhance our academic mix. At this time, budget is not being considered. No programs will be cut. This committee is open to ideas from all regarding new programs or repackaged/renamed programs to attract new students. You can request a suggestion form from Kara by emailing her at traversek@winthrop.edu.

Staff Feedback and Updates

- Grant and Maria will attend a meeting of each standing committee to give support and discuss our mission.
- Currently working on an approval process for projects/events sponsored by Staff Conference or standing committees. A form will soon be available on the website. Once completed and submitted to the Staff Assembly, a sub-committee will begin the approval process.
- We are still looking at how representation will change since the reorganization. Once we receive the new organization chart, we'll look into how the Staff Assembly is affected.

Standing Committee Reports

- Elections & Nominations – Nothing to add from Grant's report. Once the new organizational chart is received, we'll meet to discuss what new elections need to be held.
- Media & Communications – A new chair will be elected soon. In the meantime, please send Kelly McGinnis anything you need communicated.

- Professional Development – A survey will be circulated soon to determine what development staff members are looking for in addition to what staff members may be able and willing to teach.
- Campus & Community Involvement – Thanks for your support of Pink Out. There was a lot of participation. May do an additional Food Truck Friday with the City of Rock Hill while the skating rink is here during the holidays. Details to come. Don't forget to participate in the costume contest on Friday, October 30. Submit your photos in the morning for posting on the Staff Assembly website. There will be prizes for individual and group. Please decorate your offices in Garnet & Gold for Homecoming.
- Recognition Committee – Nominations for the October staff member of the month are due on October 30.

Introduction of Staff Member of the Month Nominees and Staff Member of the Month

There were 20 nominations this month. Katie Sardelli is staff member of the month for the month of September!

Questions and Comments

Don't forget the Feedback form available online. Forms can be submitted anonymously.

Next Staff Conference – Tuesday, November 17, at 2:00pm in Whitton Auditorium.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm.

Staff Assembly members present: Grant Scurry, Maria D'Agostino, Rebecca Best, Johnathan Brabson, Rob Dellibovi, Laura Little, Kelly McGinnis, Kelly Shelton, Janelle Stevens, Kara Traverse

Staff Assembly members absent: Niki Behr

Approximately 78 staff members attended (including assembly members)