

Longwood University
Staff Advisory Committee Minutes
April 21, 2011, 1:30 p.m.
Ruffner 103

Daphne Norton called the meeting to order and attendance was taken.

Members Present: Tiffany Dempsey, Brandi Gulgas, Keary Mariannino, Daphne Norton, Sharon Perutelli, Rena Reynolds, Jennifer Sawyer, Cynthia Thompson, Della Wickizer, Carolyn Higgins and Hunter Swanson.

Members Absent: Grant Avent, Amy Harris, Jay Lynn, Kelly Martin, and Eric Stoller.

Minutes from the meeting on March 24, 2011, were approved.

Tina Turner was the recipient of the SAC Scholarship, and she was able to attend the meeting to formally receive her certificate. Everyone congratulated her on being awarded the scholarship and then pictures were taken for the SAC website. The scholarship will be split in two over both academic semesters.

Diane Easter, Special Assistant to the President and Director of Events and Ceremonies, attended the meeting to receive ideas and feedback on increasing Longwood's visibility and promoting more Longwood pride and morale among employees. She brought along a handout which listed some of the ideas that had been discussed. Committee members discussed some of the positive and negative characteristics of the ideas listed, but also brought up discussion that some supervisors will not allow their supervisors to participate in some activities that were listed. It was agreed that with more of a push from the President, the importance of showing gratitude and appreciation through various campus events, will boost Longwood pride, morale and ensure that employees are happy in their work environment.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tiffany Dempsey gave an update on the progress of Safety Day, which will be held on June 10 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The event is still in the planning process and is being put together in conjunction with Jim White and the Environmental Health and Safety office. This year, the event will prove to be more interesting and will focus more on home safety. Tiffany requested that committee members encourage people in our areas to come to Safety Day.

Daphne Norton gave an update on all the committee meetings she has been invited to attend as a representative for the Staff Advisory Committee:

- The Spirit Initiative Committee has narrowed down their selection to 2 mascots. The name and the policies and procedures for the mascot will have to follow NCAA guidelines. The fight song is still in the works with Gordon Ring.
- Daphne also discussed "Community Service Day," which will take place during Inauguration. The committee is still determining community service opportunities for people on campus. They are working with facilities and grounds, as well as the Blood Mobile for possible on campus community service options.
- The Executive Council continued their discussion on the marketing initiative.
- The Budget and Planning Committee is still working on how to allocate the stimulus money.

Daphne Norton announced that the 3 recognition days were decided, which will be one day in October and 2 additional days at Christmas. Daphne also announced that the Faculty/Staff Appreciation Day will be after commencement on Monday, May 16.

NEW BUSINESS:

Daphne Norton talked about adding new SAC members. An e-mail was sent out to gather names of people who may be interested in being a part of the committee.

In order to maintain anonymity, the SAC committee went into closed session to discuss emails directed to the website of concerns, comments, and suggestions.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, May 19 at 1:30 p.m. in Ruffner 103.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Sawyer