Your TAMUG Staff Council (TSC) at Work

For information on the TAMUG Staff Council, please visit the website http://www.tamug.edu/staffcouncil/

Below are briefs from the April 20th, 2017 meeting:

Approval of last meetings minutes

- Approved

Library Learning Commons Information (David Baca)

- Started from conversation back in 2015 to see how TAMUG could put together a better academic support system
- A task force was put together that included tutoring, supplement instructions, etc. The objective was to see which of these things fit well together.
- Most recent change made was honors and ungraduated research services.
- The learning commons is meant to be a “one stop shop” for academic support, everything outside the classroom, advising, tutoring, writing help, library resources, etc.
- The website that supports this has an online tutor track where you can make an appointment.

Meeting with HR on EOD (Alex, Marlee, Paula)

- Staff development ideas were discussed
- There is a certification program about workplace communications taught in College Station that we would like to implement on the Galveston campus
- There is a push to get all department heads involved.

Invite to All Staff for Provost Watson Video

- Karen is stepping down, there will be a drone flying over campus on April 25th to shoot a “thank you” video. We want all campus members to be present to be a part of the video.

Turning in Receipts/Deposit (Marlee Williams)

- TSC needs to adhere to the regulation that no employee can keep money for longer than 3 days at their desk. All money/receipts need to be turned into the treasurer as soon as possible.
- Marlee wants to implement a rule for the TSC that after Fundraiser all proceeds are turned into the treasurer (Marlee) no later than 7 days.

Spring Boat Trip (Marlee Williams)

- Voted on bringing Boat trips back. Three will be offered on Friday May 5th, food will be provided.
New Member Invitation (Alex Crouse)

- The council voted to allow the new members to attend the May meeting and vote on the officers.

Officer Elections in May (Claudia Schinnie)

- All nominations are to be sent to Claudia via email. She will confirm with each nominee if they accept the nominations. A ballot will be drawn up with all of the final nominees and be available for voting at the May meeting.
- At the end of the meeting we will tally the votes and officers will be chosen.

Space Allocation Proposal (Lisa Stewart)

- There was a unanimous vote to pass the proposal.

Updates

USC Updates (Cari Bishop-Smith)

- President Young has agreed to match donations to the emergency fund, we received 3000.00$ in 2016
- First provost interview was April 19th.

Coffee Talks (Rachel Ball)

- Coffee talk with Dr. Quigg was successful
- Next coffee talk in May, the council discussed asking Grant Shallenberger to discuss the new buildings on campus
- Alan Post was suggested for the coffee talk in June, discussing Hurricane preparedness

Plant Sale (Donna Ferrer)

- Plant sale is the day after this meeting. Most of the donations have been given and everything is prepared.

Update on Monthly Meetings with Executive Team and Col. Fossum (Rachel Ball)

- There will be a TSC officer meeting with Col. Fossum on May 2nd to discuss goals for the upcoming year
- Spring Fling: we are bringing three ideas to Col. Fossum to decide what to do about Spring Fling
  1. Change it to a Fall Fest and combine with the Halloween Costume Contest
  2. Skip it until next year
  3. Combine with students Spring Fest
- Fossum wants to see more professional development during SAW 2018
- We are going to bring up during the Officer meeting, the departments that don’t allow their employees to participate in any event on campus (Spring Fling, SAW week).

Other business

- Staff Climate Survey: Jeff Boyer sent out the results and encouraged the staff to look at them
Committee Reports

1. New Staff Welcome (Donna Ferrer):
   • No updates

2. Professional Development (Paula Morris)
   • Paula is going to ask Fossum if he wants to continue with Palmer’s staff development plan

3. Dining Services (Marlee Williams):
   • No updates

4. Step in, Stand Up (Derrick Ford)
   • Hosted events with peer educators
   • Next month is geared towards Sexual Assault Awareness
   • There is a need to revamp step in, stand up

5. Built Environment (Gerald Hughes):
   • No updates

6. Fundraising (Derrick and Gerald):
   • Plant Sale (see above)

7. Employee of the Quarter (Claudia Schinnie):
   • Need more nominations, implementing new way of voting this quarter.

8. Social/Events (Danny Roe)
   • No updates

9. Website/Communications (Lisa Stewart)
   • The updated photo of the current TSC is on the website.

Next TSC Meeting: May 18th, 2017 1:30-3:30 pm Sea Aggie Center, Room 601