

# Staff Council Meeting Minutes October 30, 2008

**Order-** Meeting was called to order by Keya Reed-Jones at 2:04 pm

## Delegate Attendance

**Delegates:** Susan Volkert, Bruce Ingram, Lana Soroka, Tim Summers, Kenisha Bonds, Karen Born, Keya Reed-Jones, Fay Henderson, Ethel Callen, Cheryl Roberts, Liz Taylor, Kathy Garrison, Sandra Starr

**Excused:** Bob Ward, Susan Volkert, Brandon Marshall, Roxanne Dilbeck, Christy Hicks, Billy Russell, Wanda Winfield

**Not Excused:**

**Alternates:** None

**Constituents:** Kara Mullens, John Brooks, Laura Herndon, LaShonda Hardin

## Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the 9-25-08 meeting were approved

## Dr. Harden Update –

Not available for this meeting

**New HR Director -** John Brooks, new HR Director came to introduce himself to Staff Council. Stated he was happy to be on our campus and values what Staff Council does

**Speaker -** Christine Smith, Director, Counseling Services

\*\*CSU is one of four GA Universities participating in the Center for the Study of College Student Mental Health which is a national health information initiative for mental health treatment on campuses. This will offer the promise of nationally coordinated standard for the accurate assessment of mental health concerns.

\*\*Christine gave many demographic trends of the students who have come to Counseling Services recently. Here are just a few of them

- 74% are female
- 41% have a GPA between 3.0 and 4.0
- 22% have previously received counseling
- 8% took psychotropic medication prior to college
- 6% were hospitalized prior to college
- 4% have been hospitalized while at college
- 44% enjoy their classes
- 61% are confident they can succeed academically
- 52% are not able to concentrate as well as usual
- 6% admit they use drugs more than they should
- 11% drink more than they should

- 4% have received treatment for alcohol/drug problems
- 11% are afraid they could act violently
- 29% have considered suicide
- 29% have experienced an unwanted sexual encounter
- 45% have experienced harassment or abuse
- 48% feel tense
- 20% have trouble controlling their tempers
- 30% feel sad all the time
- 35% feel they have no one that understands them

\*\*Future directions for the Counseling Center are to 1)follow USG Standards, 2)get Accreditation by the International Association of Counseling Service, Inc and 3) to increase utilization of consultation services by faculty and staff. This means that if you know of a student that could benefit by speaking with a counselor, that you could help/encourage them to seek this help.

\*\*We currently have a Counselor on Call (COC) 24/7. Students can call Public Safety any time during off-office hours and then Public Safety will get in touch with the COC and advise them of the situation.

## New Business - Keya Reed

Calendar fund raiser – at \$4150.00

\*\*Election time off – CSU will offer 2 hours paid time off for voting purposes. Management needs to be flexible because of the projected long line voting situation this time.

## Committee Updates

**Elections –** none this meeting

**Smith Award –** Tim is leaving in January. Need new chair.

## **PDC –**

\*\*Pre-ordered 15 calendars during the benefits fair

\*\*\*Coming Workshops- Navigating Word and Navigating Excel 2007/Where did it go? - Upgrading to Word and Excel 2007 can be frustrating for 2003 users. Many of your favorite icons and tools have morphed, moved or disappeared. This one hour workshop will cover some of the new, the old, and the just plain weird. It is not necessary to bring a laptop. Handouts will be provided.

Navigating Word – January 27, 2-3pm in Baker Center 272  
Navigating Excel - February 11, 2-3pm in Baker Center 272

\*\*sometime in November TIAA-CREF will be available on campus for 2 days and can set up 1 hour one-on-one sessions

\*\*also in November hope to set up some sort of Business Etiquette session

\*\*No December event will be planned

**Special Events** – nothing to report.

\*\*Need volunteers to sing in the choir for the Christmas tree lighting festivities.

\*\*December campus connect will be in Athletics

\*\*need to start raffles for Thanksgiving

**PR Coordinator** – none this meeting

### **Concerns Update**

Discussed a possibility of speed bumps installation by SAC and Technology building. 3 ADA ramps cuts (2 by SAC and one further down on the left side of Simpson Drive on the way to Spivey Hall to match existing one on the right side of Simpson Drive). Possibility of a side walk extension across from Parking lot A to connect with an existing walk path that cuts through wooded area from PE to SAC and ends at Simpson Drive and sidewalk on the side of the SAC front entrance along the Simpson Drive and make pedestrian crosswalk from existing walk path across Simpson Drive to SAC. All the above will be communicated to SAC contractors since it had to be done as a part of the project.

### **New Concerns**

Why is there a stop sign at the North Lee Street entrance. Could cause rear-end collision? (Lana to check into this)

\*\*What has happened with the compensation study (John Brooks stated he has just met with this company and hopefully will be wrapping this up soon)

\*\*Will there be any meetings about the letter that came out about the retirement roll-over? Need some discussions on the cost of living increase for Retirees

\*\*Travel for training- why are some allowed to travel for training seminars and some are not. Not only do some schools allow it, but some departments at CSU can and some can't.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm. The next meeting scheduled for November 20, 2008 at 2pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Karen Born*

*Secretary*