College of Engineering Staff Council Meeting Minutes

August 18, 2021

In attendance: Kel Hahn, Callie Viens, Cody Mitchell, Derrick Meads, Lacey Hill, Melanie Smith, Dana Harrod, Amy Long, Alicia Anderson, Betsy Davies

Meeting began at 10:06AM. Meeting was held via Zoom.

Representation within the College

Who are we missing from departments around the college? What is the ideal amount of people? Representation? We are missing Mechanical, Mining and Biosystems. We are currently at 15 people, if we can get 3 more people from these departments it would bring us to 18. Possibly lab staff? Nancy Miller is a person that comes to mind who may bring a new perspective to the Staff Council.

In the future when we have events we will need to invite our PPD crew.

Action Items for Representation: Derrick will reach out to the Department Chairs to see who may be available or interested in being on the Staff Council. Derrick will send Lacey a list of names and Lacey will reach out to these individuals. Goal of having a list of individuals by the next meeting.

Ice-cream Social Event = Success!

54 people were in attendance. Half of the attendance was faculty. We had a little bit of extra ice-cream leftover so students who were around were able to enjoy the ice-cream as well! Originally there was going to be scoopers but then it was easier to just let the attendees scoop their own ice-cream. The Ice-cream social is a nice opportunity to meet people within the college.

Future Events:

We don't have a budget for Staff Council, Derrick must fill out a request form for any events we do and get it approved through the Dean's Office. Possibly schedule events around the holiday times. The next event is possibly the Halloween Event, costumes welcomed and maybe prizes this year.

Charitable Events: In the past we have done Circle of Love, they did not do it last year because of Covid but hopefully they will reinstate it for this year.

Happy Hour:

Lacey had an idea of getting a trivia team together at Lexington Country Boy. Trivia night is on Tuesday and starts at 7 until around 8:30 or so. We can advertise it as getting a trivia team together. There is not a limited trivia team size. Plan it for when it's still warm outside, possibly around late September. Derrick also suggested Ethereal Brewing at the Cornerstone for the future, they do trivia on Thursdays.

Another meet up idea could be to meet up and walk during lunch or possibly get a running group together.

Staff Council Newsletter

We need to do the Who's Who again, it was very popular. Lacey will ask the next person who will be interviewed. The questions are in the newsletter that Derrick emailed out. The timeframe for the next one to go out would be a week from now. Possibly include a link to our monthly minutes in the newsletter. The first paragraph to introduce people to what we do and who we are, then the Who's Who and events happening within the community. We can also add a recap of the Ice-cream social to showcase events that we are doing. We can allude that we will be having a Halloween Event.

Next Meeting Agenda Items:

To plan the Halloween Event.

Next Staff Council Meeting is scheduled for 9/15.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55.