

College of Engineering Staff Council Meeting Minutes

January 19th, 2022

In attendance: Dana Harrod, Derrick Meads, Melanie Smith, Ravyn Ladenburger, Cody Mitchell, Callie Viens, Lacey Hill, Jennifer Cecil, Dale Davis

Meeting called to order: 10:03am, was held via Zoom.

Previous minutes approval: Derrick makes motion to approve; Lacey seconds it.

Jennifer Cecil is a new member in the Staff Council. Jennifer works in the Office of Alumni and Philanthropy.

Events for the Spring semester:

Valentine's Day event

Ideas:

Shout out to people we admire for professional reasons, to spread joy and connect people. Derrick will make a web form to submit the shout outs (and monitor the submissions). Derrick will take charge of this website. Lacey will send an email out to promote this and Derrick will do a social media post (everyone will see this not just Engineering staff). The event will be from 11-12:30 on Thursday, February 10th. Jennifer suggested the name "For the love of goodies". Instead of doing catering Derrick had the idea of doing a dessert potluck (stop by and take some desserts with you) . Possibly hold the event in the Dean's conference room (RGAN 387) instead of the atrium to limit being around the students. We will supply the beverages by making coffee and having milk (also include non-dairy milk options).

Lacey will send out an initial email giving a heads up about the event, she will also include the website idea (tell your colleagues how much you appreciate them, Valentines Day themed Engineering website where we can tell our co-workers how much we appreciate each other)! Lacey will also make a request if anyone would like to bring Valentine's Day decorations. Dana offered to bring some lights for some of the décor. Also suggested to play Valentine's Day music (can play the music via YouTube on the computer). Request attendees to wear Valentine's Day colors (preferably not red – GO UK).

End of the semester/beginning of Summer event:

Will discuss more at a later meeting. Idea of a hotdog cart?

Staff Council Newsletter

Derrick will get this out next week. Will include event information, new staff, Who's Who, etc. Include in the newsletter where to obtain the masks.

Discussion topic for next meeting

How can we better connect with others in the college? Dale proposed that he will obtain a list of staff to see who we are not connecting with currently for instance staff who are in other buildings that we aren't currently including (not on purpose but just lack of knowing them). Lacey also suggested to look at the website to get names with pictures.

Staff Senate Recap from Derrick

Derrick recapped the last Staff Senate meeting. There was a couple of big issues discussed at the meeting. The first issue was Dr. Capilouto getting such a huge raise. The argument for giving him the raise was that the University looked at what it would cost to bring someone new on but instead of doing that they gave Dr. Capilouto the raise to stay. The second issue was the confusion with the early dismissal for the winter storm.

Derrick motioned to end the meeting and Jennifer seconded.

Meeting concluded at 10:59.