College of Engineering Staff Council Meeting Minutes

June 23, 2021

In attendance: Derrick Meads, Mary McBeath, Cindy Lane, Dale Davis, Amy Long, Cody Mitchell, Michele Baker, Josh Duruttya, Dana Harrod, Kel Hahn, Melanie Smith, Betsy Davies, Lacey Hill

Meeting called to order at 10:00AM.

Welcome our new member, Michele Baker from KTC.

Last time we formally met was in February of 2020. We are going to start clean for 2021!

Interested in being Chair elect or running for any other Staff Council position? If so, please send Derrick a note stating your interest.

Ice Cream Social

Ice Cream Social is usually scheduled in August. This year we are scheduling the ice cream social for Wednesday, August 4th at 2PM. Entertainment is needed, possibly a unicycler (shout out to Bob DaCanto). In the past we would go through UK Catering and have an ice cream bar, but due to COVID restrictions that is most likely not possible. Due to new restrictions and simplicity, the better option would be to go to Sam's, Kroger or Walmart to pick up single serve ice cream treats. Cindy suggested to get them from Aramark, they will be able to keep them frozen and the added ease of someone not having to go to the store and purchase them all. In addition to inviting staff, we will also be inviting faculty to attend.

Future Events

May hold off on scheduling events past the Ice Cream Social for now due to staff's working schedules (i.e. hybrid schedules).

Hybrid working schedules

Mary said we are awaiting forms from HR to go through the next steps. Until HR sends the official form, the college will give approval pending the HR approval (if departments have approved first). Also, it is very important to update your tax form if you are working out of Lexington.

Next Staff Council Meeting

Next meeting will be "hybrid" on Tuesday, July 20th at 10AM. We discussed meetings may be continue being hybrid due to many staff's changing schedules.

College wide Faculty/Staff Meetings

For Faculty/Staff meetings to make the staff attendance "optional". Lacey and Betsy have volunteered that they would attend the faculty/staff meetings to report on Staff Council and to bring back any important news back to Staff.

Action Items:

Derrick to talk to Dean Buchheit regarding meeting with Staff Council to discuss holding a Staff Meeting in the future that solely has information pertaining to staff.

For our next meeting we will discuss the bylaws to understand the foundations of the Staff Council.

Meeting adjourned at 11AM.