SSAC Minutes/November 5, 2015 meeting

Attendees: Patricia Bayrd, Sherry Cousins, Kathleen King, Martie Janeway, Anthony Reed, Bridget Spaeth, Leyza Toste

1. Fall Social Review – a. Next year invite a topical speaker and invite President Rose to address support staff at the end. b. Start thinking now about who to invite as speaker.

2. Winter Skate – a. Cancelled due to concussion incident last year; event can be held but it must take place off campus and not during work hours. b. Replacement activity ideas: Wellness sessions based on “what makes us happy”; a “book club” session at Outdoor Leadership Center with a fire and hot chocolate; Media Commons – movie viewing and discussion with sessions held over a 3-day period; healthy eating/cooking sessions; live-streaming of Common Hour/bring your own lunch in Media Commons; open-mike at Outdoor Leadership Center (music, story-telling, talent, etc. during Winter Break or March Break. c. Reach out to BAS to see if they want to be a part of the open-mike event as a replacement for winter skate on January 20 or do they have other ideas? d. Hubs – consult with them to help decide on open-mike idea and time. e. Reserve OLC now for January 15 open-mike. We can always cancel the reservation if our plans change.

3. Additional ideas for upcoming events are: 1. Museum gallery talk for support staff. 2. Organic garden event in the spring (topic ideas: soil prep, tour, seasonal and helpful information for personal gardens).

4. Support Staff individual issue resources – Advisory Committee for a Diverse Community (ACDC) is a committee that would be a good resource in addition to Tama and Katy and Work Place Advisors. Leyza stated there is a lot of attention being paid by the College to creating a more inclusive campus community and there will be more information to come. One of the goals of the ACDC is to have a web presence.

5. College Reaccreditation on horizon. Bridget shared her experience as an SSAC representative of the previous reaccreditation committee. She just wanted us to have the heads-up that the administration might be reaching out to the SSAC for a representative for the upcoming process.

6. SSAC Membership update – Two new members needed immediately to replace Kelsie and Rosie. We need representation from IT, Admissions & Student Aid, Communications & Public Affairs, Investments, and Development.

7. Website: send anything you want on website to Anthony.

Action Items:

1. Martie will send out email to Support Staff requesting interested staff wishing to serve on the Committee. Email will state we prefer representation from IT, Admissions & Student Aid, Communications & Public Affairs, Investments, and Development – but that we would like to hear from ANYONE interested in case finding representatives from those areas isn’t possible. If we have a surplus of interested staff we can always use them in a HUB capacity or for replacement of members rotating off the Committee this spring.

2. Martie will email BAS asking if they are interested in joining with us in sponsoring the open-mike event.

3. Reserve OLC now for January 15 open mike event. Who will do that? Kathleen?

Next meeting:
Thursday, December 3, 2015; 2:00-3:30pm, SU Conference Room