Minutes of the College Relations subcommittee of the Staff Advisory Committee to the president (SACP)

Thursday August 16, 2012

Attending: Amy Orr, Ashleigh Parr, John Inman

This was an informal lunch meeting to determine first step.

A plan was developed to contact Lynn Cherry, faculty speaker, and a representative from SGA to arrange a meeting.

Tuesday September 4, 2012, 10:30 AM, Communication conference room 7 College Way

Attending: Amy Orr, Ashleigh Parr, John Inman, Lynn Cherry faculty speaker and Heather Rapachietta SGA treasurer. Clara Hodges was unable to attend.

SACP members gave an overview of SACP with an emphasis on the College Relation subcommittee’s goal of improving collaboration and finding common objectives between students, faculty and staff.

Lynn Cherry comments included:

Open invitation to all senate meetings which anyone can attend. She reviewed the faculty senate website with us. At the end of meetings constituent concerns can be brought up and a staff member would be welcomed to speak. Next meeting is Sept 11 5-7 at Wells Fargo auditorium. She gave an overview of the 20 subcommittees and suggested that we reach out to the chairs of The Faculty Wellness and Faculty advisory to the president subcommittees. These two committees are active and most likely would have overlap with our concerns.

Robert Podolsky chairs the Faculty Advisory to the president committee and Simon Lewis chairs the Faculty Wellness committee.

As speaker, Lynn meets monthly with George Hynd and the college president and they cover 3-5 discussion points. She suggested we consider who on campus we would see benefit in meeting with regularly. She thought Victor Wilson and Ed Pope might be people to consider. There likely would be the possibility of a SACP member giving a 3-5 minute report at a future Faculty senate meeting.

Some common areas of interest might be data collection/survey information, adjunct pay issues, CARTA, campus child care, faculty and staff wellness center and fitness options on campus.

Heather Rapachietta comments included:

Open invitation to attend SGA meetings which are every Tuesday at 4:30 and committee meetings every Thur at 5. Tuesday meeting are at Academic affairs and Thur meeting are in the Stern Ballroom. She gave an overview of the 7 committees and spoke about SGA’s current direction of being more of the voice of the students and less involved in party planning. She also thought that SGA would welcome working with us in common areas.

Additional business- John Inman is going to chair the college relation subcommittee.