Minutes of the Staff Advisory Committee to the President
October 21, 2014
President’s Boardroom

Attending: Ashleigh Parr, Amy Orr, Karee Keefer White, Frank Budd, Josh Bryson, DeAnna Adams, Jane Reno-Munro, Teena Ham, Charles Bradley, Susan Hallatt, Michelle Futrell, Emily Padgett, Meredith English-Perrone, Melissa Hartman

Not attending: Debbie Hammond

Ashleigh Parr called the meeting to order at 11 AM.

Minutes from the 9/25/14 meeting were approved.

New Business

Information Technology Demonstration by Andrew Bergstrom
IT has come up with possible solution (Yammer) to meet staff’s request for the listservs to be reinstated.

Yammer

Is a Microsoft product started in 2005 and is available at no extra cost to the College
Is an enterprise social network, that allows email messaging, and has a mobile app
Yammer is not hosted on campus
It can be used by Staff, Faculty and Students with their Cougars login
Yammer is linked through “conversations” allowing users to group or thread which cannot be accomplished with Listservs
It improves collaboration and allows users to have open discussions
Currently it is being tested on campus with the goal of having Staff Advisory (SAC) and Faculty Education Technology Committee (FETC) support full integration
SAC and FETC would need to recommend full implementation to Executive Steering Committee for the software product to move forward
If Yammer is approved the College would remove all the listervs except for the Parent Listserv since it has people from outside
If Yammer is approved, email would remain the main form of communication
Penn State, ECU, Boston College, Stoneybrook, Kansas State, Emory, Pepperdine, Yale and MIT are some of the schools that are using Yammer

Next Steps

SAC members will solicit feedback from their division/units
SAC members that work with students will gauge their interest
IT (Bergstrom) will send us information about what and how Yammer works, so SAC members can get stated testing
Ashleigh will ensure SAC members are invited and join the Yammer Staff Advisory group

Campus Climate
Staff Advisory members came to the consensus that SAC needs access to raw data and qualitative data
- Staff Advisory would like the following:
  o Raw data to manipulate and sort through
  o A staff break out of respondents
  o SPSS, who owns the files – we need to find out
  o Need a Staff Breakout vs. Faculty and Staff
  o Identify information on why it shouldn’t be shared
  o Further trends that were found but not discussed

Ashleigh Parr adjourned the meeting at 12:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Padgett
Secretary
Staff Advisory Committee to the President