

UMD Staff Senate
January 8, 2025 Meeting Minutes
2:30-3:30pm 520 DAdB
Zoom option

Present: Mike Pederson, Mackenzie Feeny, Brianne Vigen, Kevin Stanke, Valerie Coit, Blake Romenesko, Geraldine Hughes, Cheryl Skafte

Absent: Lesa Radtke, Katy Morgan, LeeAnn Ilminen

Welcome

Call to order at 2:32pm

Finalize Agenda

Completed

Approve minutes from December 11, 2024

Motion to approve. 1st Mike, 2nd Mackenzie. Unanimously approved.

Reports & Updates: See Information Sharing Document for updates

Standing Committee

Strategy: Katy Morgan (convener), Blake Romenesko, Mike Pederson, Valerie Coit – Strategy started to come up with ideas to ask the VCFO at the next meeting.

Outreach: Brianne Vigen (convener), LeeAnn Ilminen, Lesa Radtke – Outreach went over the communication plan for spring semester. The January spotlight newsletter is ready and it will be Geraldine. If there is anything that should be added to the January newsletter or February meet and greet, please let outreach know by January 20th.

Events: Cheryl Skafte (convener), Mackenzie Feeny, Kevin Stanke, Geraldine Gomes Hughes – Events started going over the events for January (greenhouse), February (donation drive free store), March (costume shop), April (tunnel tour), May (puzzle book swap), and frisbee golf is a possible idea for June. Most of these events are confirmed

and we just need to determine the details. The donation drive free store came up with the date of February 12 for the February meet and greet. Anytime after noon will work. 1-2pm is a possible time for the donation drive. Please give the final date and time is given to outreach by the 21st of January, so it can go out in the newsletter.

Old Business

Table runner - tabled until we have new logo

One open Senate position for the bargaining unit

Staff Senate focus areas 2024-25

New Business

Spring Assembly - February 18th at 10 am and February 19th at 2 pm. They will both be in Griggs Center in person only and the 4C council will be hosting. We will bring in coffee/cookies for both assemblies. We will be getting coffee from the coffee shop. They need a 24 hour advance notice. \$60 for two crates. Please respond on your calendar which one you can go to. Valerie will pick up coffee on the 18th. There will be no working group meeting this month. General information can be advertised about the event.

VCFO and Staff Senate meeting - 1/22/25 @ 2 pm

Brianne inquired about who is going to ask questions as there will be a limited amount of time with Matt. We would like to have the meeting more open for conversation.

Mackenzie, Cheryl, and Valerie volunteered to ask one of these questions. There is a Zoom option for this meeting, but please try to be in person.

Announcements

Meet and Greet, January 30th, UMD Green House

Next meeting:

Working Group Special Session with VCFO: Wednesday, January 22nd, @ 2pm; in person or Zoom (Please try to attend in person if possible)

Regular Meeting: Wednesday, February 12th @ 2:30pm; in person or Zoom

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn. 1st Valerie, 2nd Mike. Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 2:54pm

Submitted by Jean Neibauer