

Marquette University Committee On Staff
Approved Minutes
Thursday, March 19, 2009
AMU Henke Lounge

Attendance: Vanessa Mann, Senior VP Office Representative /Chairperson; Jessica Payson, Provost Office Representative/Vice Chair/Secretary; Mike Cosgrove, Member at Large/Treasurer; Carol Dufek, Member at Large; Sherri Lex, Provost Office Representative; Patricia Psuik, Provost Office Representative; Kristina Fisher, Senior VP Office Representative; Ellen Blonski, Historian; Chris Pivonka, Provost Office Representative; Jeremy Saperstein, Member at Large

Guest: Sodexo: Monica Heminger, Marketing Manager; Dan Auger, General Manager

Absent: Carrie Kratochvil, Provost Office Representative

The meeting was called to order at 2:07 p.m.

Guests

Monica Heminger and Dan Auger brought a “top ten list” of items that might not be known about campus dining. COS plans to post this on their new website. Ideas were also requested from COS regarding how to get the information about campus dining to more employees. Some points that were made by Sodexo:

- 1) The new Café Italiano
 - a)idea came up because it was something different
 - b)students were requesting original cuisine
 - c)survey taken showed Italian cuisine as most requested
 - d) this dining service does provide “to go” option

- 2) Carol Dufek brought up the question that has been brought to COS in the past, which is “Why all dining services don’t have the “to go” option?” This seems to create inconvenience to employees on the other end of campus or to those who only have 30 minutes for lunch. Is creating more dining places and not making them convenient for everyone’s use cost effective?
 - Dan explained with Marquette trying to go “green” they are trying to reduce the amount of waste created by dining services and therefore trying to be cost effective in the regard but still being able to give their customers a variety. He wrote down the question for future reference.

- 3) Sustainability was then discussed.
 - a) In regards to waste management, the AMU got rid of the condiment cups at the

- center kiosk.
 - b) Also discussing getting rid of food trays
 - c) The Natural Market in the Marquette Place in the AMU offers refillable containers to purchase for refilling at the “hydration station” with water instead of soda
 - d) Also Sodexo purchases products that are produced locally, ie. Stone Creek Coffee, Palermo’s Pizza
- 4) Ideas of promotion and communication were discussed.
- a) possibly use campus tv’s
 - b) News Briefs
 - c) get in touch with Wellness Coordinator for ideas
 - d) talk with HR
 - e) a lime green coupon will be coming in the campus mail
- 5) Brew Cafés were discussed.
- a) the result of one of their evals they sent out resulted in increasing hours at Straz’s Brew hours
 - b) some of us suggested that Cudahy Hall’s Brew hours might want to be increased due to amount of traffic in there at night with Professional Studies classes

Pending Items

Joint COA/COS event-Vanessa Mann

Vanessa met with Jackie Walker, chair of COA. COA is discussing who to contact for the sustainability panel. They will keep us informed on who will be on the panel. Also they will let us know if they need assistance with anything more.

Bylaws VI & VII

COS made changes to these final bylaws. All bylaws have been updated now. Vanessa will finish entering all changes in six days time and COS will vote on final draft via email before the next meeting.

Sub-Committee Reports

Web Development-Jeremy Saperstein, Kristina Fisher, Sherri Lex

Sherri and Kristina met to go over the content of the new website. COS voted on the changes proposed. Jeremy will update the new website for the next meeting.

Elections and Nominations Committee-Chris Pivonka

Voting is planned to be online this year on COS’s website. Chris will send Jeremy the nomination ballot used in the past and find out what changes need to be made to move to an online nomination process.

Employee Welfare Committee-Carol Dufek

No updates/No meeting

University Parking-Pat Hackett by Vanessa Mann

No updates

University Safety Committee-Carol Dufek/Jessica Payson

No updates

AMU Advisory Board-Sandra Peterson by Vanessa Mann

No updates

Marquette Sustainability-

New Buildings Work Group-Carol Dufek

Carol was not able to attend the last meeting. If minutes are sent out, Carol will update at next meeting.

Recycling Work Group-Mike Cosgrove

- 1) The contract is up for Marquette's waste management and MU is looking at bids for new contract.
- 2) Marquette planning celebration for Earth Week in early to mid April.
- 3) Brought up that the Krueger Child Care Center recycles printer cartridges and old cell phones. IKON recycles their own printer cartridges.

Natural Resources/Utilities Work Group-Peter Dombrowski by Vanessa Mann

No update.

Vending Work Group-MaryJo Goodwin by Vanessa Mann

No update

Public Relations-Sherri Lex

Sherri contacted COA about their bookmark. She is still waiting for a response.

Nominations & Elections-Chris Pivonka

Vanessa sent the list of employees who were nominated for COS to HR to make sure they were all support staff. Ballots predicted to be sent next week.

Meeting adjourned 4:05pm.

The next scheduled meeting is for Thursday, April 16, 2009 2-4 p.m. in AMU Henke Lounge.

