Augsburg College
Staff Senate
Wednesday, May 13, 2014
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.
Marshall Room

Present: Mark Chamberlain, Tracy Christiansen, Mark Cotton, Jill Davenport, Michael Grewe, Joanne Reeck
Absent: Keith Bateman
Excused: Sara Schlipp-Riedel

Items in bold are action items.

1. Approval of Minutes
   a. **Mark Ch. will send out the minutes from April 23, 2014.**
   b. The approval of the minutes was postponed until the next Staff Senate meeting.

2. Staff Senate Elections
   a. Staff Senate elections went very smoothly; we had great turnout.
   b. Winners of elections have been invited to the Spring Social and the last Staff Senate meeting on May 28.
   c. The August Staff Senate Retreat is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, August 14 from 11:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

3. Spring Social
   a. Food and alcohol have been ordered; will be a similar assortment as last year.
   b. President Pribbenow would like an itinerary.
   c. We have secured a number of prizes to give away, including a faculty/staff parking pass and an iPad Mini.
   d. Jill will do an introduction; Keith will be the emcee and give away prizes.
   e. **Keith will ask Mel Lee to request Auggie Eagle to be present at Spring Social.**

4. Auggie Pride Award
   a. Jennifer Jacobs was nominated by Joanne Reeck; and Katie Bishop, by Mark Chamberlain.
   b. Mike moved to approve both of them for this month’s Auggie Pride Award; it was approved unanimously.
   c. **Jill will deliver the prizes in person.**
   d. **Mark Ch. will get the names on the Staff Senate website.**

5. Tuition Benefit Proposal
   a. Mark Ch. sent Tracy a draft of a tuition benefit proposal. It is not ready to be looked at yet.

6. Governance Updates
   a. Leadership Council
      i. There are no updates at this time.
   b. President’s Meeting
      i. There are no updates at this time.

7. Committee Updates
   a. Safety
i. Jesse Cashman is leaving for St. Cloud State University. He is the chairperson for the committee, and so they want to figure out how to keep it going.

ii. Tracy suggested that someone from Day Student Government and Staff Senate to participate on the Committee.

iii. They want more individuals from Athletics.

b. Diversity and Inclusion

i. The Creating an Inclusive Campus Conference happen this Monday, and there was a great turnout.

ii. Diversity and Inclusion Committee is working on addressing the concerns brought up by students in the focus groups held this Spring. A follow-up survey will be sent to students, staff, and faculty members in the fall to gain more information.

c. CRC

i. There are no updates at this time.

8. Next Meetings

a. Our next meeting is **May 28** from **12:00pm-1:30pm** in **Marshall Room**.