

**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**.