

Staff Advisory Council Minutes

Date: 4/10/08

Location: S204 Memorial Union

1:15 pm

Attendance Record:

Angel Anderson -x	Rebecca Bergfield, Chair -x	Dianne Delbert -x
	Marijo Dixon, Recorder -x	Marianne Friedman -x
Chad Heckman -o	Bill McIntosh - x	Alan Marshall, Vice Chair -x
Stanley Hughes - x	Amy Lana - x	Lawanda Rogers -o
Gina Scavone - x	Stephanie Sinn - o	Linda Turner -x
Rusty Westfall – o	Suzanne Lippard -x	Richard Blair - o
Special Guest: Tim Rooney, MU Budget Director Jackie Jones, Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services	Loretta Ross – MURA – o Marlene Duffield – MURA - x	

Call to Order: Chair Bergfield called the meeting to order, noting a lack of a quorum. She introduced Tim Rooney and Jackie Jones.

Tim discussed the budget for the present and upcoming fiscal years. He began by pointing out that about 6 months ago, MU had a deficit of about 7 million which at present has been turned into a 1.8 million surplus, in part due to an increase in tuition revenue, the Compete Missouri initiative, and a reduction in the benefits rate. He pointed out that while enrollment is up at the MU campus, the other UM system campus enrollments are flat or down. Mr. Rooney stated that each % of increase in the number of students nets a 1.8 million increase.

He mentioned that MU reviews the "Grapevine" report compiled by Illinois State University each year. This shows Missouri to be 47th out of 50 states in appropriations per capita.

He also mentioned that MU's winning the Cotton Bowl this year has helped enhance Mizzou's appeal and increase enrollment for this and perhaps another two years into the future.

Regarding scholarship funding, he reported that contributions at the state and national levels are down and so MU has to increase their contribution for need-based student scholarships.

For the 2009 budget, a 4% increase in salary and wage can be expected.

A question was asked about the increase in criminal background checks. Jackie Jones replied that Mizzou spends between 150 and 250 thousand each year on this. This has become increasingly more expensive for many reasons, one of which is that more states now charge to have access to this information, with some charging more than others. Also, it becomes more expensive to check staff members who have been married and divorced, because each new name must be checked.

Looking forward to 2010 and beyond, he forecasts another period of deficit due in part to a large decrease in the number of Missouri high school graduates. Mr. Rooney also predicts that 2010 will be a difficult fiscal year for many state departments, including MoDot, and the Department of Corrections.

Mr. Rooney pointed out that all this information and more is available at the MU Budget website:

<http://mubudget.missouri.edu>.

In closing, Jackie mentioned that last Friday a press release named the new VP for Human Resources to be Betsy Rodriguez from Colorado.

Announcements:

Rebecca wants to commence the planning for the 2nd annual SAC barbeque at future Council meetings.

Rebecca also reported that Gary Ward, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Campus Facilities, wants to meet with the SAC Chair on a regular basis to communicate issues from C.F. staff and to get information from Council to share with his staff. He will be speaking with the Council at a meeting this summer.

She reported that the next Executive Committee Meeting with the Chancellor will be Tuesday, May 13th.

Marijo reported that at the most recent Executive Committee meeting with the Chancellor the following was discussed:

- SRW planning
- The Chancellor's letter of endorsement in support of SRW events which will appear in Mizzou Weekly
- We need to be sure and include MU Extension staff in all our correspondence
- Campus Smoking Policy Task Force – no update at present per Jackie Jones
- Staff representation on the Campus Mediation Committee
- Discussed the MU SAC's benefits survey results which are being finalized into report format.

Minutes Approval: The 3/27 minutes will be approved at the 4/24 meeting.

Recorder's Report: No news to report.

Committee Reports

SAC Committees

Service Champions/Staff Benefits Committee – Marijo stated that she is finalizing the survey results in report format. The Council will have approximately 75 bound copies made. Copies will be sent to:

Frank Schmidt
Jackie Jones (20 copies for her direct reports)
Chancellor Deaton (5 copies)
MURA (2 copies)
Sue Richmond
John Beahler
Mike Paden, Danhueser, Ken Hutchinson, Betsy Rodriguez

Education Award – No news to report.

Election Committee – No news to report.

Staff Development Awards Ex-Officio – The deadline for this round is 4/17/08.

Staff Interest Committee – The deadline is tomorrow, 4/11/08. Gina will send out copies of each nomination to Marianne and each member of her committee.

Publicity Committee – Dianne distributed copies of the newsletter draft. Several typographical and content changes were identified. She will forward this file to Printing Services by 4/21, with a target receipt date to MU staff of May 1.

She is working on ordering promotional items to be given away during SRW. Suggestions were: computer screen cleaners, lip balm with sunscreen, lighted key chain. Members will email Gina their choice. The budget for these is approximately \$500.

Gina will need to obtain 50+ frames for donors' thank you certificates.

Intercampus Staff Council – Permission was granted to hold the meetings every two months rather than every three months.

SRW Committees

Awards Committee – No news to report. The Council’s “Outstanding Service to the SAC” award will be presented to Suzanne Schoonover this year since there were no additional nominees. Gina will check on a gift for her: possibilities include a framed print of the Mizzou columns, crystal picture frame, desk lamp, etc...

Ceremony Committee – Linda mentioned that the company that had printed the anniversary year ribbons is no longer in business. Council will check with Printing Services to see if they can supply the ribbons this year.

Program –

Ice Cream Social/Talent Show, Monday, May 19th– Angel gave an update on the progress of this event. Angel reported Bill McIntosh will set up three computers at this event for Silent Auction bidding. Gina needs to rent a dozen or so folding chairs for this event. The suggestion of the inflatable money machine was declined because of the \$140 cost to rent this. Bill is making arrangements to borrow the popcorn maker.

Fashion Show, Tuesday, May 20th – April 23rd is the next models’ meeting. Marianne asked on behalf of Mary Petty that we hold back 50 Show Me State t-shirts for the models.

Awards Ceremony, Wednesday, May 21st – no additional news to report.

Chancellor’s Wellness Walk, Thursday, May 22nd – no additional news to report.

Education Award Fundraiser ends Friday, May 23rd–

Weeklong HR Seminars – no news to report.

Door Prizes Committee/Education Award Fundraiser – Alan reported that over 200 letters were sent out to potential donors.

Chancellor’s Committees

Capital Review Committee – No news to report.

Space Planning Committee – No news to report.

SPRAC – No news to report.

Other Business: No additional business to discuss.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.