SAC minutes

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Staff Association Council – Monthly Meeting			
DATE: March 14, 2018		TIME:12:30	Brioche Doree Conference Room
Meeting called by	Kim Lang		
Type of meeting	SAC Monthly Meeting		
Facilitator	Kim Lang		
Secretary	Dawn Beam		
Attendees	Kim Lang, Susan Devan, Dawn Beam, Jackie Ivock, Gina Thompson, Wanda Dwire,		
	Francine Cooper, Linda Coyle, Laurie Voelker		

Kim Lang, President, called the meeting to order at 12:30. There were no previous minutes to approve. Kim welcomed everyone to the meeting and all members introduced themselves. New officers were announced.

- 1. Jackie Ivock, Immediate Past President
- 2. Kim Lang, President
- 3. Susan Devan, Vice President
- 4. Dawn Beam, Secretary
- 5. Treasurer position remains unfilled

Agenda Items.

1. Pitt Day in Harrisburg

All attending were encouraged to participate in this event, which gives those affiliated with Pitt the opportunity to share with the state government what Pitt means to them. Linda Coyle and several others have attended this event and they shared that it is very worthwhile. Many representative groups from all Pitt campuses set up information tables in the rotunda. Staff and faculty have the opportunity to speak to state legislators.

Attending the event is a qualified workday so no personal day or vacation time is lost.

2. Oakland Staff Professional Development Award Committee

Pitt main has requested that we provide a UPJ representative to serve on this committee. Jackie lvock served last year and mentioned that the committee reviews over 600 applications and scores them according to a set rubric. Of the 600 or so applications, approximately 25 awards are given.

Jackie lvock and Susan Devan are interested in serving this year.

3. Other Professional Development Opportunities

The many available professional development opportunities at the Pitt Main campus was discussed. UPJ Staff are permitted to attend any of these events. Professional development is a qualified workday so no personal time or vacation time needs to be taken when attending. Kim Lang is going to check and see if there is a way our staff could attend some of these events virtually through Skype or some other mechanism.

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4. Staff Shirt and Fleece Sale

Last year SAC held a staff shirt and fleece sale and there has been some interest in us doing this again this year. Kim is going to check with the vendor we used last year to make sure that the prices remain the same. If they are the same, it was suggested that we could add a dollar or two to each items sold. This extra money would be used to help build up our SAC account.

5. New Ideas Events

Linda Coyle suggested a movie night. It would be held outside and those attending would bring their own snacks, drinks, chairs, blankets, etc. Wanda Dwire said she would check to see if the IT department would provide a projector. We would also need to find a screen of some sort. Some suggestions for the screen were a sheet, or the back of a large sign that we could borrow from the Physical Plant.

Laurie Voelker said that the library staff is interested in doing another trivia night. The one held in last year was a success and some faculty and staff have asked if we could do it again. We decided that this coming fall would be a great time to have it. A back to school trivia night would be the theme.

Kim Lang passed out a flyer about having a Morning Cat Yoga class this summer. It will be held on Tuesday mornings from 7-7:45 out by the mountain cat statue. She has a teacher lined up to teach this class if we get enough interest. The classes would begin May 29th and end August 7th.

Susan Devan brought information in about having a fundraiser at Applebee's. Everyone thought this was a good idea. Susan will follow up with the restaurant and get us a date for some time in April.

Other ideas suggested included a fall trip to a winery, an information session with the Business Office, a Gong/Talent show, and a masquerade ball/silent auction. The group would also like to participate in the Johnstown Halloween parade again next year and continue our Snacks with Santa tradition.

6. Some goals for this year!

- a. Keep our numbers up and creative ideas coming.
- b. Have one activity a month to keep SAC on the minds of people here at UPJ.
- c. Build up the SAC account so that we have more flexibility when planning events here on campus.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 11th in the Brioche Doree conference room.

Respectfully submitted by Dawn Beam, SAC Secretary