



Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Alumni Hall, Memorial Room

Present:

Barclay, Samantha
 Brassil, John
 Brooks, Kay
 Caldwell, Caroline
 Carney, Kathy
 Clemmons, Lee
 Cooley, Emma
 Cruise-Streat, Kirra
 Davis, Jessamyn
 Dixon, Michele
 Fields, Craig
 Flippo, Laura
 Fox, Anita
 Harbin, Rachel
 Johnson, Denise
 Karls, Aletha
 King, Amanda
 Lawrence Givens, Tiffany
 Linn, David
 Linski, Jamie
 Loudon, Jeff
 Majewski, Ashley
 Mandeville, Jenny
 Miller, Amber
 Morris, Diana
 Pickert, Donald

Porter, Beth
 Rall, Kathleen
 Renee Dawson, Toni
 Ruiz, Carlos
 Rutledge, Scott
 Sanders, Sara
 Scott, Carjamen
 Shook, Elisabeth
 Smith, Amy
 Smothers, Natalia
 Sprague, Megan
 Stiles, David
 Wachter, Michelle
 Walker, Susan
 Williams, Tara
 Woche, Melissa
 Wolff, Jeanette

Not Present:

Blackledge, Phillip
 Bonner, Stacey
 Brown, Harold
 Brown, Kenneth
 Cahill, Bess
 Choate, Corey
 Clark, Joanna
 Daughtdrill, Latrice

Eckert, Danielle
 Erickson, Catherine
 Fann, Drew
 Gibson, Madison
 Graham, Kashif
 Halman, Malina
 Hamilton, Brittni
 Harvey, Gregory
 Heaton, Ashley
 Higgins, Ed
 Hilderbrand, Susan
 Hughey, Jasen
 Ingram, Donna
 Jones, Christopher
 Jones, Eric
 Kamtarin, Shahpar
 Kane, Kimberly
 Korab, Emily
 Little, Geoff
 Luce, Nathaniel
 Luffman, Josh
 Malone, Amelia
 Malveaux, Nicole
 Marshall, Paul
 McChesney, Bailey
 Meadows, Shelley
 Moore, LaTisha

Morgan, Rachel
 Nelson, Roberta
 Oliver, Leshuan
 Perry, Alexis
 Poindexter, Jeana
 Richter, Andy
 Robinson-Nichols, Ursula
 Roche, Morgan
 Sefcik, Stephanie
 Sims, Beth
 Stanard, Ray
 Upchurch, Jodie
 Waits, Robert
 Weisbrodt, Cathy
 Westrom, Lynn

Regrets

Baquera, Felisha
 Barrow, Terri
 Benitone, Hastings
 Biqiku, Laurel
 Carlson, Robin
 Pring, Michael
 Steinas, Jason
 Taylor, Susan

Guests

Bonnet, Kemberlee
 Brandewire, Alicia
 Cedzic, Kelly
 Champion, Corey
 Conwell, Patrick
 Glasgow, Scotty
 Hansbrough, Sean
 Hritz, Kathleen
 Jackson, Donald
 Jones, Haley
 Kelley, Emily
 Kiolbasa, Mary
 Kopstain, Eric
 Laubach, Ingrid
 LeBlanc, Jennifer
 Lowe, Deni
 Maddox, Lynn
 Martin, Robert
 Mays, John
 Mukahal, Yasmine
 Mullen, Rebecca
 Napier, Alan
 Newton, Kaci
 Notestine, Wesley
 Reginald, Curtis

Ripley, Katherine
 Sandy, Cherry
 Teets, William
 Thailese, Portilla
 Thompson, Sonya

OLD & NEW BUSINESS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jenny Mandeville, President, called meeting to order at 8:32 am

- Approval of May minutes
- Stay connected to USAC thru Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram
- Register your Kroger Plus Card for proceeds to go towards the Employee Hardship Fund
- Heart & Soul Award nominations are being accepted until July 31. Go to <http://vanderbi.lt/heartsoul>
- Chancellor Zeppos Resolution
 - Finalize at July meeting
 - Will be presented to Chancellor's Office

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Rules and Administration, co-chairs Ashely Heaton & Emily Korab

- Year in review – successful by-laws update!
- Thanks to our wonderful committee members: Laurel, Kashif, Jasen, David L., David S., and Melissa

Staff Life, co-chairs Elisabeth Shook & Kay Brooks

- Main responsibilities: Researching and prioritizing the issues of staff concern
- Recommending for the council's consideration a specific course of action when appropriate
- Highlights:
 - Recommendation to the retirement plan – hope is to retain good employees over the long term
 - Civility, Appreciation, and Respectful Workplaces (CARE) effort considered success
 - Database comparing VU and local employer benefits is continuing to be fleshed out
- Upcoming:
 - Professional Development
 - New Co-Chairs for 2019/2020: Elisabeth Shook & Jamie Linski
- Next meeting will be June 18th at 10:00 am at 311F Kirkland Hall
- All can be found on the USAC website

Events Committee, co-chairs Shelley Meadows & Amanda King

- Events this year include:
 - Nashville Human Association
 - Second Harvest Food Drive
 - Employee Tail Gate
 - University Blood Drive

Membership Committee, co-chairs Tara Williams & Caroline Caldwell

- Thank you, greeters
 - Harold Brown
 - Anita Fox
 - Kashif Graham
- Happy Birthday
 - Terrie Barrow
 - Rachel Harbin
 - Trisha James
- Meet a USAC member – Jessamyn Davis, Program Manager, Public Safety's Office of Emergency Preparedness
- Thank you to our committee members. A special thank you to Tiffany, Sara, Rachel, and Denise for going over and above for our team!
- Tiffany Lawrence Givens & Tara Williams will be co-chairs during 2019/2020
- Congratulations to our new and returning 'odd' members! Term: July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2021

Communications Committee, co-chairs Carlos Ruiz & Carjamen Scott

- Goal # 1: Continue to promote awareness of USAC using multiple communication channels to share information from meetings with the Vanderbilt community.
 - Used USAC blog, USAC website, Facebook, and Instagram
 - 25+ articles were written and posted to the USAC Blog and MyVU and read by over 4,000 people
 - 12 newsletters were sent to faculty/staff
 - 20+ meeting minutes and videos to USAC website
 - +1,600 social media posts
- Goal # 2: Increase the number of followers on USAC social media channels
 - Facebook > by 5%
 - Twitters > by 15%
 - Instagram > by 73%
 - Recently, one of our pictures of campus was just chosen as #vandygram of the week
 - Thank you committee members!
 - 2019/2020 committee chairs
 - Carjamen Scott (Owen)
 - Jodie Upchurch (Nursing)

Scotty Glasgow, Special Events/Employee Appreciation

- Employee Appreciate would like to receive feedback on events. Please visit our website
- Day at Dyer Observatory
 - Friday June 21 12 – 4 pm

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Dr. Billy Teets, Dyer Observatory

- How Dyer Observatory came amount.
- Astronomy has been at the heart of Vanderbilt
 - Landon Garland, first chancellor, was our chair of the physics department. He founded the physics and astronomy department
- Original observatory taken down in 1952
- Original telescope was restored and currently housed in the residence and is still functional
- Dr. E. E. Barnard – one of the first astronomers at Vanderbilt University had a strong interest in astronomy, and he was the first person to run observatory at VU
- Dyer Observatory was constructed in 1953. It was originally pitch black out there due to lack of residence
- Relied much on community support
- Our mission is education of Vanderbilt students as well educational outreach to the public
- Dyer Observatory's fathers

- Carl K. Seyfert
- John H. (Jack) DeWitt
- Arthur J. Dyer
 - Had a lot of influence and gathered money

The Seyfert Telescope

- Events
 - Open Houses
 - Telescope Nights – first Tuesday of the month
 - Lectures at Dyer
 - Summer Camps
 - Concerts – Blue Bird on the Mountain
 - Private Rentals
- The Star Chamber – sculpture that was installed in 2006. If you walk inside, it allows light inside a tiny opening and it projects the images of the nearby trees.

David Ter Kuile, Executive Director of Campus Dining

- Campus dining at a glance
- Campus Dining is a university-managed auxiliary service fully supported thru meal plan, retail, and commission and catering sales.
- 17 campus dining locations – 5 dining operations, 5 markets, and 7 cafes and restaurants
- Construction Projects
 - Highland Munchie Mart renovation
 - Kissam dish room – installation of dish room at Kissam and introduction of dining seating package in Warren and Moore Great Rooms
 - Exciting program updates
 - Chef James opening back up in Rand for lunch
 - Reusable bags will be available for purchase at dining room cashier stands
 - Begin selling reusable water bottles in markets this week
 - Mobil ordering in the pub and local Java in Fall
 - Faculty staff meal plan special prior to school year starting
- By 2030, the goal is to reduce plastic bottles on campus
- By 2050, the goal is to be carbon neutral
- Will to-go containers be available in the Commons because it currently has not available.
 - No, that is to encourage students to eat in the dining hall so we will continue to provide only plates
- What are the long-term goals of sustainability?
 - We are trying to end up with zero waste. The challenge is in our markets such as suppliers. But as there's more demand from consumers, more options will be available from other suppliers
- Does everything go in the compost bin? It's really confusing

- Yes, everything goes inside the bin except for the dining silverware, trays, and cups

Awards Ceremony

- Committee Member of the Year: Rachel Harbin & Sara Sanders
- Committee of the Year: Communications, Carlos Ruiz and Carjamen Scott
- Karen Dolan Spirit Aware: Carjamen Scott
- Officer Appreciation: Jeff Loudon, Rachel Harbin, Jasen Hughey

CLOSING REMARKS

Jeff Loudon, President-elect

- Next meeting will be Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at 8:30 am at the Commons Center, Multipurpose room

Meeting was adjourned at 9:59 am.