

Staff Congress Regular Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2015 UC 135

Members present: Peg Adams; Cindy Ash; Tina Altenhofen; Tom Barnett; David Bauer; Kerri Beach; Tracy Brate; Tiffany Budd; Chris Bowling; Jeff Chesnut; Sara Conwell; Mary Beth Dawson; Cheryl Edelen; Connie Kiskaden; Katie Lovold; Amanda Meeker; Sue Murphy-Angel; Josh Neumeyer; Rebekah Richardson; Lori Thaxton; Mary Ann Trumble; Dennis Sickinger; Mary Beth Ward; Pam Wagar; Doug Wells; Robert Yelton; Carole Ziegler

Members absent: Corbin fox Ash; LuAnn Grimm; Debbie Kelly; Whitney Kessinger; Gail Messmer; Ron Schulz; Mike Walter; Chris Witt

Guests; Ken Ramey; Lori Southwood; Steve Meier; Grace Hiles

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:04 a.m. by President, David Bauer.

Minutes: Motion to approve February minutes by Cheryl Edelen, seconded by Sue Murphy, motion carried. Motion to approve May minutes by Tina Altenhofen, seconded by Rebekah Richardson, motion carried.

Staff Regent's Report: Steve Meier had no report but ash this was his last Staff Congress meeting he wanted to thank everyone for the last three years. He has shared all our comments with President Mearns. It has been a great ride and he is happy to pass the torch to Arnie Slaughter.

Vice President for Administration & Finance: Ken Ramey has no report but he also wanted to take the opportunity to thanks Staff Congress for the last 12 years. Ken said, "You all have been great and hopefully I have been a good voice. You may not understand the importance of this body. You have a lot of clout." Ken wished everyone much success in the future. Ken also wanted to thank Dave Bauer and Cheryl Edelen for the work on his retirement breakfast and all who attended.

Human Resource Liaison: Lori Southwood took the opportunity to announce that unlike Steve and Ken she was NOT retiring or stepping down and will still be here. She is glad to be a part of it. This is the end of a great year. Lori encouraged everyone to attend the staff development day on Tuesday, June 16th. We currently have over 750 staff registered. This is a new experience and a foundation for training and development. We will see other offerings in the future. Lori reiterated that this staff development day is a direct result from Staff Congress asking for resources for development for staff.

President's Report: Dave Bauer announced that Meals with Mearns are lunch times where President Mearns will be visiting and talking with individuals in the Student Union over the lunch period so if you want to sit down with the President you just need to be in the Student Union having lunch during the times listed for Lunch with Mearns.

Rebekah Richardson our past president announced that the Staff Congress Scholarship committee was able to get an additional Staff Congress book award. The new book award will be known as the Ken Ramey Staff Congress Book Award. We felt that after all his years of service, support and effort it is only fitting to name this new award after Ken.

Standing Committee Reports:

Benefits: We discussed another summer "recess" event which would provide staff with the opportunity to brown bag it and enjoy meeting other staff while participating in various activities that could be associated with a school recess, including music, corn hole games, hula hoops, sidewalk chalk, jump rope, and hopscotch. We are exploring possible donations for drinks and/or ice cream, and have received an orientation schedule to help facilitate finding a good date for the recess.

We are exploring possible ways to get staff involved in the Welcome Week activities in August.

Constitution & By Laws: Second reading of the current Section 5 regarding vacancies which was last amended in June 2008 and the revisions. A copy of the document with the existing text and revised text was made available for each member. A vote was take and the change passed unanimously.

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Credentials and Elections: No report

Policies: The Policies Committee met on 5/21/15 – Josh Neumeyer, Whitney Kessinger and Carole Ziegler were in attendance.

The committee began collaborating with Dawn Bell-Gardiner, Compliance Officer, on revising the NKU Ethical Principles and Code of Conduct policy. A draft of the policy was created and will be reviewed. At the next meeting of the Policies Committee, comments and concerns of the draft will be discussed and the review process will continue moving forward.

Outreach:

Report from Faculty Senate Meeting:

No report this month

Report from SGA

No report this month

SC Newsletter

Last newsletter was sent out in May. Only two people submitted articles – the rest were items I filled in with. More Staff Congress members will need to submit articles for the newsletter to be beneficial and useful to all staff.

Monthly Event

Outreach Committee will meet June 10th to discuss options for the monthly event that was suggested at the last meeting. Ideas and projected costs will be submitted to Steve Meier to take to the President. Then we will move forward if approved.

Scholarship: The winners of the scholarship awards are:

Returning Student:

AD ALBRIGHT tuition scholarship

Casey Kelley;

Mother/Father; David Kelley, Building Carpentry, Painting, Facilities Management

AD ALBRIGHT tuition scholarship

Chase Nienaber;

Mother/Father; Ava Nienaber, Transfer Services (director)

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Abigail Brate;

Mother/Father; *Tracy Brate, College of Health Professions*

Freshman:

MIKE BAKER tuition Scholarship

Angela O'Neill;

Father; John O'Neill; Facilities Management

VOTRUBA tuition Scholarship

Reagen Powers;

Mother; Annamarie Powers; Advancement Services

Continuing Student (cause of we had no freshmen left):

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Chelsea Altenhofen
Daughter of Ruth (Tina) Altenhofen

We would like to express a big thank you to everyone for all of your help!!!

Technology: No report

University Committee Reports:

Transportation Advisory: There was no meeting, however, as a recap, parking garages are being updated over the summer to have automation and no actual parking attendant starting next semester. The most notable change will be that the parking gates will probably not be raised at the end of the day like they are currently. Also NKU has added bike and short term car rentals for students through things like Zip car. There should be some preliminary work started on loop road being done by that state starting sometime over the summer.

Food Service Advisory: No Report

Regent's Distinguished Service Award: No Report

President Climate Commitment: No Report

Wellness: No Report

Benevolent: No Report

Ad-Hoc Committee

A. Roundtable/Panel of Discussion: No Report

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Announcement: Gratitude and accolades to honor outgoing members and welcome new members. The Staff Congress Scholarship Luncheon will immediately followed the meeting.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rebekah Richardson, seconded by Carole Ziegler. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.