

CAFE Staff Council Agenda May 9, 2017

Attendance: Rhesa King, Debbie Gutierrez, Cindy Stidham, Kristen Watkins, Helen Williams, Jenny Evans, Kim Leonberger, Megan Lucy, Christine Tarne, Carl Harper, Mike Adams, Russ Thomason, Holly Clark

11:00- Welcome, Introductions

11:10- Holly Clark, Director of Membership Sales and Marketing, Spindletop Hall and Boone Center, spoke about membership at these locations. Russ Thomason, a Spindletop Member also joined us. Russ is an Ag alumnus. We are currently in a promotional period for the Boone Center and Spindletop Hall through May 31. There is a 50% discount for the one time enrollment fee. Dues to the clubs can be paid through payroll deduction. The Boone Center is a member of the reciprocal organization for clubs, so if you go to another campus that has a faculty club, you can use your Boone Center/Spindletop membership at the other university. Details about this relationship and a list of participating clubs can be found at ACUClubs.org. Spindletop also comes with a discount for membership at the UK Golf club. There is also a 50% off discount on joining Spindletop through May 31. Spindletop has pools and tennis/pickleball courts. Both clubs have the same dining director. The best room at Spindletop for department functions is the Oak room which has a full A/V set up.

11:20- Mike Adams and Carl Harper from UK Staff Senate presented. Mike has been part of the Staff Senate for many years, including acting as Chair for two terms. Mike currently heads the Elections and Presidential Advisory Councils for the Staff Senate. Carl is one of our CAFE Staff Senators. He is a CAFE (Horticulture) alumnus and now works in Entomology. Other CAFE Staff Senators are Covetta Ramey, Diana Doggett, and Pam Sigler. Carl started out on the College of Ag Staff Liaison Committee under Dean Little and was chair of staff council at the time. The Staff Senate was originally formed from the chairs of all of the staff councils.

Staff Senate is a great way to find out how the university works and to understand what is going on at a macro level. It is a good opportunity to hear different points of view about how the university operates. Carl is the current chair of the by-laws committee. He reports that the university administration and Dr. Capilouto are very receptive and willing to listen and work with the Staff Senate.

There are four staff senate sectors- Provost Sector (academic issues),

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Executive VP Finance (facilities issues), President Sector (Vice President for Research and associated offices), Executive VP Healthcare Administration (Healthcare). You should feel free to talk to any senator from your sector, not just those from your college or department. This reorganization of the Senate was done to create a more unified staff voice.

Senators are often tasked with serving on search committees for upper level administration.

Voting is critical and the elections are coming up. Senate has more influence when the voter turnout is higher. It is different saying that 1,000 people voted for Staff Senate, vs. 14,000 staff members. Voting is open May 8-26. Vote here: <http://www.uky.edu/staffsenate/elections>

You can view Staff Senate Meetings online.
(<http://www.uky.edu/staffsenate/staff-senate-meeting-1>)

Staff Council has been watching the reorganizations in different units to make sure that staff voice is heard in those situations.

The Staff Senate is going to have a retreat to figure out how to better incorporate and communicate with the CAFÉ Staff Council. It has been proposed to have a representative from each staff council attend the staff senate meetings.

Another issue Staff Senate is concerned with is parking. Legislation is preventing parking from having the bonding authority to build new lots and structures. There is also continued movement to make the campus a pedestrian campus and push as much parking as possible to the perimeters of campus. Parking is going to continue to go up in price.

We are encouraged to invite Staff Senators to attend our meetings when we have issues that we may want their input on, or message to pass on to the Senate.

More information about Staff Senate is available at:
<http://www.uky.edu/staffsenate/about-us>

11:45- Closing Remarks/Topics for the August Meeting

The next meeting will be in August. We will invite Billy Toombs and Jonathan Furnish to speak about Ag RoundUp, which is October 4, and Staff Council's participation in that event.



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Staff Council will continue to monitor developments in parking and consider ways to better convey staff concerns about parking to those in power.

Staff council members are asked to bring ideas to the council that are relevant to staff, and circulate the minutes within your departments. Ideas for future topics of discussion and presenters should be sent to Christine Tarne.

12:00- Adjourn

Next Meeting: August 8, 2017, 11:00am, 249 Barnhart