College of Engineering Staff Council Meeting Minutes:  
Wednesday, November 14, 2018

In attendance: Derrick Meads, Rob Theakston, Josh Duruttya, Cindy Lane, Melanie Smith, Callie Viens, Mary McBeath, Betsy Davies, Melanie Smith, Dana Harrod, Sue Mills, Amy Long, Dale Davis, Josh Duruttya, Judith Cromer

Meeting called to order at 10:05 A.M.

Introductions to Jon Gent, Michael Adams and Denee Wilson from Staff Senate

Jon Gent discussed the three “pillars” of Staff Senate: Governance, Service and Engagement.

Governance includes serving on high-level administrative staff searches, monthly and quarterly meetings with the President and Provost. Also served on concept teams to address possible budget shortfalls.

Service includes organizing Appreciation Day, CRISIS and shared leave pools

Engagement included professional development, considering a badge program, campus-wide mentorship, Staff Awards, UK Remembers, Dance Blue for staff.

Jon also discussed how Staff senate works to create a sense of community on campus.

Nominations for Staff Senate take place in April the election takes place in May. Self-nominating was suggested. Responsibilities include 3-5 hours a month.

There was interest in learning more about the CRISIS program and sharing that information with our colleagues, and creating a link on our website where Staff can donate to the program.

Jon mentioned an interest in staff intramural sports like bowling.

Discussed Circle of Love

We decided to request wish lists for 5 families. Derrick, Callie and Cindy volunteered to coordinate the process and communicate it to the college.

Action items

Derrick will find and share info about CRISIS with the college and update the website.
Callie will reach out to the Circle of Love for 5 wishlists.
Cindy will coordinate the process of receiving gifts.
Derrick will promote to the college.