

STAFF COUNCIL

Staff Council Meeting August 25, 2022 10AM East Conference Room, Shall Hall/ZOOM

Attending: Jason Coleman, Ann Saurbier, Kate Billings, Kelly Young, Tasha Taylor, Chris McPherson, Bob Saas, Randy Hollingshead, Ryan Glanville, Karen Gerardi, Maureen Zambito, Robin Brunner, Vince Sirianni, Mia Szabo

- I. Call to Order
 - a) Motion Jason Coleman
 - b) Second Ann Saurbier
 - c) Time 10:11 AM
- II. Update from Cabinet Member
 - a) Updates at FSI-discussion of who to invite for September
 - i) Diana Harto in regard to salary enhancements
 - ii) Jason Koegler as part of Homecoming updates (pursue this option)
- III. Meeting Minutes June
 - a) Motion Kelly Young
 - b) Second Ann Saurbier
 - c) Time 10:14 AM
- IV. ACCE Update Yodev Ocasio
 - a) Not Present

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V. BOG Update - Ryan Glanville

- a) Executive Session and vote on finalization of evaluation of President Evans; 8-4 vote not in favor of renewing President Evans contract
 - i) Ryan utilized evidence available and at hand was not just based on information/issues from Fall 2021
 - ii) Chair Lucas indicated that there was more evidence that just from Fall 2021
 - iii) People felt that President Evans was competent in certain areas and possessed positive skill sets to contribute to WLU
 - iv) Information available from surveys, alumni, fiscal affairs cumulative and comprehensive assessment
 - v) Ryan shared that his name was not shared in many media updates, but his vote was part of the 8 votes not in favor of renewing President Evans contract
 - vi) Board indicated (and President Evans stated at Faculty-Staff Institute) that he would remain through end of current contract
 - vii) WLU Media Release Board of Governors Reject Contract Extension for President
- b) A lot of information that was shared at the Faculty-Staff Institute was also shared as part of the Board Meeting
 - i) Faculty-Staff Institute Begins the 2022-23 Academic Year
- c) Questions
 - i) Any information on when new presidential search will begin?
 - (1) 3-5 month process estimate and plans to start this as soon as able after deciding search committee
 - (2) Executive Committee of BOG would be initiating this process
 - ii) Salary Enhancements were approved for October from BOG?
 - (1) Yes
 - iii) Discussion about how salary enhancements would be implemented?
 - (1) Equity-based; not completely clear where minimum wage would be around \$14
 - (2) Employees that have been at WLU for a longer period of time would possibly have higher levels of enhancement based on years of service
 - (3) These enhancements are not a one-off action; enhancements that are made this year will be available next year

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VI. New Business

- a) Terrific Topper Winner Karen Gerardi nominations will begin again for Fall
 - \$35 gas card was the award to Karen Gerardi Karen expressed thanks for this award and gas card
 - ii) August nominee
 - (1) Ryan Glanville (Nominated by Katie Cooper) BOG rep thank you for your professional service in this role facing difficult decisions
- b) Fundraiser ideas for Fall
 - i) Spring was almost \$2,000 funds raised (freezer/meat raffle)
 - (1) Allowed scholarship committee to award three, \$450 scholarships
 - ii) Fall ideas (make sure reach out to Lori Hudson as needed regarding any fundraising initiatives)
 - (1) Gift Card raffles for example, 10 \$100 gift cards
 - (a) Sam's Club / Costco may have options for reduced gift card options (i.e. \$100 gift card for \$75 cost) Ryan will do some initial follow up Sam's Club
 - (b) Possible separation of restaurant vs. retail store options
 - (c) Follow up in two weeks prior to get this going (send meeting notice)
 - (i) Tentative Thursday, September 8 at 10:00 AM (East Conference Room, Shaw Hall 2nd Floor)
 - (2) Please share any ideas to Staff Council email (staff.council@westliberty.edu)

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VII. Other New Business / Discussion

- a) Kate Billings Inquiry about discussion to bringing back ombudsman program within HR
 - i) Is there a need? Discussing with HR to look into this possibility in the future.
 - ii) Previously this service was not utilized much and had been eliminated
 - iii) Ombudsman Person (in the past had been previously employed by WLU) to support/assist staff in navigating issues/processes with a person that is not internal to the organization
 - (1) Group reps can also serve in this role as may be appropriate
- b) New Hires
 - i) Group reps being more a part of welcoming new hires within their groups including: what Staff Council is, how to participate, etc.
- c) Ryan Glanville wanted to promote on behalf of International Student Services the opportunity to attend picnic on Friday from 3:00 PM 6:00 PM
- d) Reminder that elections will be in April 2023

VIII. Next Meeting

- a) Fundraiser meeting on September 8 at 10:00 AM in Shaw Hall, East Conference Room
- IX. Meeting Adjourn
 - a) Motion Kelly Young
 - b) Second Ann Saurbier
 - c) Time 10:48 AM