University of Hartford Staff Association  
Meeting November 8th 2017 1:00pm  
Gengras Student Union 335

Present: Randi Ashton-Pritting, Shannon Hughes Brown, Donna Clark, Katie Cox, Barbara Dessureau, Laura Eldredge, Laurie Fasciano, Sue Fitzgerald, Carla Fuller, Lynn Galvin, Valerie Gilleran, Laura Heemskerk, Sally Henowitz, Ben Ide, Amy Kopec, Christine Lapierre, Gina Lewis, Pam Masi, Geralyn Merrill, Katrina Mill, Cindy Oppenheimer, Allison Poulin, Sean Parke, Felicia Roberts, Catherine Rose, Kate Sheely, Lisa Wollenberg, Rachel Yacouby, Linda Zigmont, Dawn Zumbroski

I. Introductions

II. Discussion and Approval of Minutes from the September 13th, and October 11th, 2017 Meetings  
- Will do next meeting (some people couldn’t open document)

III. University Committee Reports

Budget Advisory Team – Randi Ashton-Pritting/Valerie Gilleran – meeting on 11-9-17

Wellness Committee – HRD, Lindsay McKeegan/Barbara Dessureau (on hiatus until 2017-2018)

Benefits Taskforce – Cindy Oppenheimer/Lynn Galvin – meeting 11-10-17
- Made recommendations to Senior Management regarding changes to the benefits plan for this year.
- There was discussion with BTF reps regarding the impact on people who can no longer cover their spouse.
- The BTF reps will be happy to share these concerns. Please contact either Cindy or Lynn with any specific concerns you would like addressed

Presidential Commission for the Status of Women – Meagan Fazio – meeting 11-10-17

IV. Staff Association Reports

Web Advisory Committee – Barbara Dessureau
- Admissions is launching a new web site
- OOMC is developing an RFP
- Proposal to eliminate the uhaweb site
- Will decide what to transfer to an internal site and what should be eliminated

Faculty Senate – Ben Ide –
- President Woodward spoke at the Faculty Senate. He talked about his priorities, including enrollment, retention, increasing revenue with new programs (BS in Nursing), the campus master plan and student experience.
- Greg and Arosha spoke about the drop in enrollment and the increased discount rate

Treasurer’s Report – Gina Lewis – no change
Membership Director Report – Ellen Levasseur - Ellen out

Fundraising Committee – Valerie Gilleran
- Do another survey
- First fundraiser to start – order by Nov 27th – deliver by Dec. 15th
- CC’s are accepted

V. Old Business
  Updates for questions submitted in August and September

VI. New Business
  Grievance process/representative
  - Christina Lapierre

Speaker suggestions for 2017-2018 meetings?
  - Malcolm Virgil

Discussion of status of Staff Association moving forward
  - Revitalize Staff Assoc.
  - Change policy – make staff assoc. representation for all non-union staff
  - Name change
  - Constitution and by law changes
  - Access to mailings for all of the staff
  - Building representatives (figure out areas)
  - Model after faculty senate
  - January 1st goal

Katie to go to Regents meeting – still no permanent seat for us

Future meetings (all at 1PM)

**Date Location Focus (tentative)**
12/13/17 GSU 335 TBD
1/10/18 GSU 335 TBD