

SPAC meeting:

Thursday, March 12, 2009
School of Communication, Room 320

Present: Steve Saville (host), Dina Barnese, Mary Lynn Quartaroli, Marcell Coder, Tom Carpenter, Robin Long, Jane Thompson, Susan Johnstad, Karin Von Kay, Paul Wagner & Debbie Wildermuth

Guests: David Hook, Jessica Fitchett, Marg Lacy, Karen Cooper, Jeane Olson, Allie Stender-Mrazek, Marilee Sellers, Joe Findley, Marsha Warden and Cindy Chilcoat

Excused: Terri Hayes, David Forgues, Mehrdad Khatibi, Kim Knowles, John McGregor, Franklyn Taylor

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Tom Carpenter at 8:30.

Campus Master Plan

David Hook, Project Manager from Capital Assets presented information on the campus master plan. He provided several handouts – a power point, comment card and a web link -https://www4.nau.edu/cas/Plan-Dev/NAU_MasterPLan.html.

Some of the initiatives that are in the works include: a transit spine, parking garages, green space and traffic congestion. A workshop is coming up March 25-26 and he requested that a member of SPAC attend. He also requested any feedback or comments, which can be submitted on the web page or by using the comment card he distributed.

Furloughs

Cindy Chilcoat and Marsha Warden from Human Resources presented a draft of the furlough guidelines. They requested input from SPAC in the hopes of addressing as many of the questions that will arise before the document is released to the campus community. Topics that were discussed included:

- Grant funded employees being subject to furloughs
- Retirement implications; not only those close to retirement but for everyone
- Service professionals and the 90 day notice for non-renewal of contract
- The possibility of 6 month contract for a period of time
- Renewal decisions being made at the department level

There will be more information still to come.

February minutes

A motion to approve the February minutes was made and passed.

Committee reports

- Brown Bag Lunches – Mary Lynn shared the two events that have been held already. We have had participation from our distance learning sites. The topic for the last one to be held April 20 is still to be determined.
- SPAC Mixer/Leadership Award – Tom shared that it will be held at the end of April. Susan and Robin are assisting him.
- Strategic Planning Council – Susan gave us a web page to a blog spot <http://naugetinvolved.blogspot.com> and suggested we check it out.
- Academic Standards Committee – no report
- Summer Conference – Marcelle shared that they have 34 proposals for sessions so far, but will keep it open for a bit longer. The conference is May 14.
- Commission on Ethnic Diversity – no report
- Commission on the Status of Women – no report
- EDSF Committee – no report
- Faculty Senate – no report
- Benefits Committee – Tom shared that there is talk of finding one million dollars from benefits that can be retrieved and returned to the state. The options include: increase the premiums and/or reducing services. It is only in the discussion phase.
- Disability Access – Karin shared that their banquet is April 9. She also provided a handout for a story project opportunity.

Other

- Tom discussed his involvement in the budget situation. He has been the SPAC representative at many meetings, often just being there to listen and keep SPAC informed about what is going on regarding budget.
- The May 14 meeting will need to be moved to a new date due to the Summer Conference.

Meeting adjourned: 10:00 am

Next meeting: April 9, 2009 8:30-10:00 am – Blome Bldg (2) Pattea Conference Room

Respectfully submitted: Debbie Wildermuth