SAC Meeting Minutes – February 13, 2019
Location: Iliff School of Theology, Shattuck Hall

Open Meeting: 11:56 am

Mary Ball introduced Rev. Dr. Tom Wolfe – President of Iliff School of Theology

DU and Iliff have Methodist Connections. Iliff established in 1892 as part of Colorado Seminary. Iliff and DU were one from 1892 – 2002. Iliff closed for five years due to funding and then re-opened as an independent institution. Mary is the bridge from Iliff to DU through the joint doctorate program. One of 13 Methodist Theological instructions in the country and is considered very progressive. Prepares people to serve in ministries and academic. Offers Master of Divinity primarily to prepare for ministry, but the degree is being utilized to move into a variety of fields. Master of Arts of Social Justice and Ethics degree doesn’t necessarily relate to a religion, but I focused on community organizing and such. Master of Arts of Pastoral and Spiritual Care students may serve in hospitals or follow up with counseling or further licensing in social work. Masters of Theo Studies focused on those who probably want to teach and/or move to PhD. Went online in 2009 and they have students all over the country. Established the standard in the industry for online education, focused on hybrid model (Journey). Expectations of academic freedom and inclusion...even greater than UMC can produce for itself. Just received two large grants in AI and are partnering with others to move theology education forward. Opening Eco-Justice center in the Fall, first issue will focus on justice and water.

Presentations/Announcements:

CES Richard Michel Brianna Culberson – Summer Conferencing & Summer Internships
Many camps are hosted on campus over the summer...take over 6 dorms and have more than 7000 guests. CES wants to partner with divisions to understand what the summer needs might be for each of us. Hires a lot of student staff and offers them housing over the summer to work summer conferencing. Thirty-plus positions at events.du.edu.
Also available is a Summer Internship Housing Program. See attached flyer.

No new members this meeting.

Sign-up Sheets going around: Sign up if you need a nametag and/or a desk sign that identifies you as a Staff Advisory Council Rep.

We have many affinity groups on campus. We will soon have a toolkit for how to start an affinity group. SAC is now inviting a representative from the four largest, staff focused affinity groups: SOCA, ASHA, WANT, and QUE. Watch for news about affinity groups at our March meeting! See attached affinity group list.

Joining us today is Tali Kozial-Thomlison – WAND (Women’s Staff Alliance for Networking & Development). Recently revised bylaws: now a quarterly meeting, doing on-campus excursions to get to know areas of campus, monthly newsletter focused on women’s focused non-profits and professional development. Will also work with People Development team to build a women’s focused 14ers pathway.
Trauma Informed Care Training, Mary Ball attended on behalf of SAC: Learned about what to look for in behavior and such to assess trauma. Gave practical advice on how to support them and resources on campus. Very informative, good information. Attend if you have the opportunity again! Jenna Brown is the coordinator, reach out to ombuds@du.edu if you are interested.

Sustainability update: DU is going solar! 100% by 2025! Subscribe to the sustainability newsletter or volunteer for a committee. John Roberts attends committee meetings on behalf of SAC.

Member Updates


Garrett Glass: Coming up at the Newman Center...Tickets still available to upcoming shows!

Kathy Kearns: Captioning committee is creating guidelines for captioning videos at the University both for teaching and for the website. Kaltura is new video managing website. It will do automatic machine updating (TechSmith Relay and DU Video Manager are going away).

Jon Andersen: Campus Safety is hiring for officers and dispatch.

Megan Montilibano: Discounts coming for staff from Center for Professional Development
Mary Carver needs info for newsletter. Watch for the next one later this quarter!

Committee Updates:

- STAR: Still working on leave share program, building a proposal for HRIC right now. Will tackle parking and campus transportation in March.
- Coat Drive: Was an amazing success! Coat boxes are being picked up in the next few days. Will go to Denver Rescue Mission when they need it most!
- Annual Spring Fest: Theresa Hernandez will chair it again! It will be late this year because Easter is late April, event is Saturday before Easter (4/20). Clowns are SECURED! Kimo will be MC again. Trying to bring back adult egg hunt (with EMT’s on site).
- Outreach: Last meeting cancelled due to weather. Notes to new hires are up to date! Thank you all for your help in January. Will tackle mentor pairing and look at researching affinity groups in March.

President Updates:

- University communications update: Communications was a campus wide outcome needing improvement on the employee engagement survey. Website move is going from OU Campus to Drupal, training and support will move to MarrComm (from IT). A lot of information will need to move off website, more people are moving internal focused things into PioneerWeb. Looking at creating SAC rep as a role in Banner so we can receive custom content in PioneerWeb. New marketing management tool is coming for internal communication to groups based on role. We also have Regroup available to target specific groups according to role in Banner. Some divisions are building their own tab in PioneerWeb.
• SAC communications: Considering a SWAY that could be forwarded (thanks Meghan!) . Right now minutes are clunky to be forwarded, looking for ideas on what SAC reps currently do to distribute information. Mary Sue will send us a weekly email if there is info for SAC reps to forward on, no email = no info. Mary Sue can help with access to tools.
• April 15 – Community and Values Kick-off Luncheon
• Attend Diversity Summit events if you can!
• If you want a coffee card to get together with someone new in the next month
• Next month we have the Provost as a special guest and will meet in Rufatto Hall at Morgridge College of Education

Meeting Adjourned: 1:08 pm