

SBS Staff Advisory Council Meeting

October 3, 2007

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jennifer Columbus (Linguistics), Jeanne Davenport (Judaic Studies), Tom Gelsinon (Mexican American Studies), Debbie Jackson (Philosophy), Nancy Kelly (Communication), Sandra Kimball (Late Medieval/Reformation), Cynthia Malbrough (History), Jennifer Rascon (SBS Development), Linda L. Shaird (SIROW), April Thompson (Journalism).

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Anthropology representative, Elizabeth Cordova (Geography/Regional Development), Lupita Cruz (Southwest Studies), Michael Greeley (Political Science), Nova Hinrichs (Cognitive Science), Molly Holleran (Women's Studies), Kelly Huff (SBSRI), LAAC representative, Beth Marlatt (Near Eastern Studies), Jennifer Paine (CMES), Marie Roberts (SBS Administration), SIRLS representative, Sociology representative, Becky Tsang (Psychology), Armando Vargas (BARA).

I. Welcome and Call to Order—Co-Chairs

II. Meeting with Dean Donnerstein and Cherie McCollum

- There has been one question submitted in answer to the e-mail sent out requesting topics of discussion for the November SBS-SAC meeting which the Dean and Cherie have been invited to attend: what are some examples of shared governance working within the college? The full definition of shared governance was read out and can be found at: <http://fp.arizona.edu/senate/ShGovExtending.html>. One person remarked that they do “feel the chasm” between faculty and staff.
- Follow-up: Do we have a voice, as per shared governance, on the loss of staff affecting the college, since it is also a staff issue?
- Cynthia Malbrough stated that though she is a representative of the staff at Heads and Directors meetings, there has never been a vote taken.
- Another question was broached on the topic of balance among the units: why does one unit have 8 faculty and 4 staff and serve over a thousand majors when another unit has 30 faculty and a dozen staff and serves the same amount of or a few more majors?
- The question arose as to whether there was anything that UA-SAC was ‘agitating’ for, that we should be supporting on a college level.
- Jennifer Columbus will type up the questions and circulate them for approval. More topics may arise during discussion at the November meeting.
- It was suggested that SAC request more communication with the staff during difficult situations, and the creation of an opening for response from the staff.
- Cynthia reported that a request was made to the Dean to mention the importance of SAC at the last Heads and Directors meeting and she was allowed to make a short announcement at the end of the meeting. A query was voiced about whether that actually constituted the Dean’s support of SAC. Someone suggested that the Dean could send a

3D memo supporting SBS-SAC attendance.

- Dean Donnerstein and Cherie have agreed to make the November meeting open to all staff members who wish to attend.
- Someone suggested that perhaps the Dean could publish regular letters to the staff via the website similar to President Shelton's.

III. UA Cares

- A drafted handout was circulated requesting staff to support SBS-SAC through the UA Cares employee gift campaign. Easy online giving (including payroll deductions) is available through Employee Link; specify "SBS Staff Advisory Council" as the account number.
- Approved flyers will be circulated to all SBS staff.

IV. Newsletter

- The fall issue of the SBS-SAC newsletter is being compiled this month.
- Stories to be included are:
 - Information about the Emily Krauz Staff Endowment Fund
 - UA Faculty Choir
 - New SBS Tech employees
 - A letter from the Co-Chairs
 - Request for UA Cares/SBS-SAC contributions
 - Information about past and upcoming SBS-SAC Brown Bag lectures.
- Please send any additional story ideas to either Jeanne Davenport or Tom Gelsinon.

V. Miscellaneous

- A handout was circulated featuring the next SBS-SAC Brown Bag Lecture: "Planning Your UA Retirement" by Josephine Castro, UA Retirement Management Office, Student Union Copper Room, Tuesday, Oct. 16, noon.
- A refreshments sign-up sheet was circulated.

VI. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Discussion of SAC initiatives was moved to the December agenda: please brainstorm on what SAC should try to accomplish this year.
- Please send additional agenda items to either Jennifer Columbus, Cynthia Malbrough or Marie Roberts as Co-Chairs.
- The next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 7**, 9-10am, in Social Sciences 332.