Arts and Sciences Staff Council Meeting – Thursday, March 5, 2020 – Meeting Notes

The meeting began at approximately 10:00am in POT 945 with the following members in attendance:

* Drew Lane, Becca Roark, Kyle Manley, Andrew Fast, Camille Harmon, Phyllis Nally, Chris Miller, Chris Gurtcheff, and Chris Crutchfield

General Updates

* Food from the food drive was donated on 3/4/2020. Pictures of the donations were taken, and the donations will be weighed soon. The pictures and weight will be sent to staff in the coming days/weeks

Induction of New Members

* In a unanimous vote, Alycia Sullivan was voted on to the A&S Staff Council. Welcome Alycia!
* Luci Lucas in considering joining the council, and will be voted on next meeting

Election of Secretary

* Chris Gurtcheff self-nominated himself for the position of Secretary
* In a unanimous vote of all members (including newly inducted Alycia Sullivan) Chris was voted in to office

March Madness

* The SEC tournaments start next week
* Event day/time is not known yet, as tournament schedules are unknown
  + General consensus is that UK would play in the evening based on current rankings
  + Current event location is tentatively the JSB ‘big screen’
  + A recommendation of non-perishable snacks was made given the number of unknowns
  + A flash event was proposed for setting up brackets using HIVE laptops
    - After ‘Selection Sunday’
    - There are concerns that this may require account setup beforehand

Mini ‘Lightning’ events

* The current goal is to hold four events, one each week in the month of April
  + A proposal was made to alternate morning/afternoon events to accommodate more schedules
  + A recommendation was made for events to have ‘enough snacks’ and a ‘definite purpose or activity’
    - A recommendation was made for something like card games, or Uno, or something like that, to be included to keep things fun and light hearted
  + A recommendation was made that staff who attend all four events either be entered in to a drawing, or be made eligible for an A&S t-shirt or piece of swag
  + The current tentative length for these events would be 30 minutes
  + Photos will be taken at the events to help prepare for the OSA ceremony slide show
  + The council is looking for volunteers (internally and externally) to host these events
    - A recommendation was made for 2 to be held in POT, and 2 elsewhere

OSA Updates

* A check-in system will be used this year to ensure everyone collects their awards
  + This is being done to avoid a problem from a past ceremony
* A budget for the event has not yet been determined, but will be set by Jennifer Bradshaw in the coming weeks
* The event is officially being held at the student center
* The current tentative time is 12:01pm to 2:00pm, with food being served before the awards to avoid hanger

End of Semester Event

* Sometime at the end of the semester, following April’s ‘flash events’
  + Early May is graduation, and mid-May is degree conferral
    - The group consensus tended towards the Friday after Memorial day (Friday, 5/29)
* A number of different ideas were proposed
  + The College used to have ‘Field Day’ and it was recommended that this be brought back
    - Concerns were raised about the logistics of giving all staff a half day off
  + A recommendation for a ‘Derby Hat design’ event was proposed
  + An event on main lawn was proposed
    - Tie-Dye, Frisbees, old music, etc.
  + A recommendation for an event involving a pop-corn machine was proposed
    - Camille volunteered her popcorn machine for this purpose

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:50am. The next meeting is currently scheduled for 4/2/20 at 10:00am.