

## College of Engineering Staff Council Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2021

**In attendance: Rob Hannigan, Amy Long, Cody Mitchell, Derrick Meads, Alicia Anderson, Melanie Smith, Lacey Hill, Kel Hahn, Michele Baker, Callie Viens, Dana Harrod**

Meeting began at 10:04AM, was held via Zoom.

August meeting minutes were approved.

Derrick mentioned communication from Staff Senate and to discuss this before Staff Council meeting agenda items.

### **Staff Senate Update:**

There is a petition going on within the University (mostly headed by faculty) calling for the University to issue a vaccine mandate. The University is not on board with mandating the vaccine at this moment since the campus is currently in the mid 80% vaccination rate; with this percent only increasing. Another issue is the hybrid work schedule, that the supervisor should have the final approval on whether their employees have the flexibility. The work life survey is out and encouraged for all to participate (need to include that in the newsletter and also the prize link). There is a new chair within the Staff Senate who is really streamlining the meetings (previously they were very long).

### **Discussion items:**

Representation within the College - Derrick hasn't had an opportunity to reach out to the chairs yet but will be working on that soon.

### **Halloween Event:**

The Halloween/Donut event is scheduled for Friday, 10/29/21 from 9-10:30AM. We really want to promote everyone to wear costumes, so we are going to have awards for best costumes (Derrick volunteered to make certificates for the winners). Lacey, Rob and Dana volunteered to be on the panel for judging. Kel looked at the meeting minutes from the last Halloween event held in 2019, we ordered 8 dozen donuts which did not last long; it was suggested to order at least double that amount for this year. Other suggestions were to add a smoke machine, scary music, and Halloween decorations.

### **Actions items for Halloween event:**

Derrick will check with Donuts Days about prices and Rob will check with UK Catering about prices for beverages (cider and coffee).

Derrick will send out an invitation on 10/4. This year it was decided we will invite faculty since the last event (Ice Cream Social) faculty were invited and it was a good turnout.

### **Happy Hour:**

Lacey had suggestions for trivia and comedy nights for possible happy hour locations. Trivia is at Ethereal (Cornerstone location) every Thursday at 7PM and comedy nights (free) are also at Ethereal and occur every 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month. Normally just staff are invited to Happy Hour's, but it

was decided to also invite faculty. The next Happy Hour is scheduled on Thursday, 9/30 at Ethereal Brewing at Cornerstone starting at 5PM. Lacey will send an invite out.

**Newsletter:**

Need to do another Who's Who and include the Work Life Survey and prize link.

**Faculty and Staff Meetings:**

Derrick will talk to Rudy about staff attendance. Lacey mentioned that her and Betsy will attend on behalf of the staff and relay information out.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55.