

Support Staff Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2016, 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
Olmsted Room

Reminder

- Comment box located in back of room—your questions, comments and concerns are always welcome.

Spring Potluck Lunch

- Save the date for Tuesday, March 22, 11:30 a.m. in the FAB Lobby.
- Sign-up sheet available. Please sign up to bring an item for our potluck.

Blood drives on campus

- We had a student speaker, Courtney, who spoke about the importance of blood drives held on campus. Blood drives are held three times a year lead by the Health Center and the Red Cross. The next one will be held on March 31. Please let people know about the blood drives, get the word out and connect with the campus community.
- Courtney also spoke about the blood marrow coordinator, how to register to donate blood marrow, (cheek swab) and the information is entered into a database. There are a lot of children under three in need of blood marrow.

Bell Ringing

- John Fink shared a bell ringing DVD. The President had asked John to head up a task force for bell ringing made up of community members, students and staff. It was recommended to offer it as a physical education class for students so since last fall he has been teaching this class. The bells are heavy so it is a physical activity to ring them. Each bell has a significant K College person's name inscribed and a spiritual verse. John invited staff to join bell ringing if they are interested.

Student Development

- Kate Yancho, Assistant Director of Student Involvement and Tyler Hall, graduate assistant in Student Involvement spoke about student organizations, groups and program events throughout the year. Kate is now located in the former SAC/StuCom area. SAC was restructured and is now called CEO, Campus Engagement Organization. Only need four students are needed to form a group. There is also a Team Site with many resources or students can see Kate directly for more information. OSI also has a website listing upcoming events. Please check it out. There are also opportunities for faculty and staff to participate in Beyond the Hive bus trips to Chicago, Art Prize in Grand Rapids, South Haven, Airway, etc. at minimal costs.
- The 41st Monte Carlo will be held on Saturday, February 20th. Volunteers are appreciated for setting up or at the event itself. Students love seeing the faculty and staff involved. You can bring your spouse or a friend.

Benefits Review

- Joisan reported on the progress of the Benefits Review Group. The BRG continues to discuss a Bereavement Policy that would cover all staff; it appears an agreement on that policy is close to fruition. Changes to the Rate of Vacation Accrual, Short Term Disability, and Accrual of Emergency/Sick Leave time continue to be up for discussion as the BRG attempts to find some sort of consensus on their recommendation as well as how their recommendations should be presented to President's Staff.

The next meeting will be held on Friday, March 11th, 2016.

MEETING ADJOURNED.