



DATE: February 21, 2019

RE: Staff Council Meeting

Welcome & Introduction

- Staff Council Chair Matt Horvat opened the meeting and thanked everyone for being there.

New Employee Welcome – Kathryn Row

- New employees were recognized by Kathryn Rowe.
- New employees are:
 - Sarah Craven, Office of the Exec. VC and Provost. TLC
 - Katherine Johnson, Director of Media Relations.
 - Valerie Thelen, Chancellor's Office.
 - Erandi Reyes, Financial Services.

Semans Building Renovations News – Steve Martin

- The [map on the website](#) was used to explain how the construction will affect our campus. Most of what was said in the meeting is also explained on the map.
 - Lot E will be fenced for contractor space.
 - Lower level will also be fenced in.
 - DeMill drive will remain operable.
 - Reserved parking will be dispersed in lot D.
 - Grassy area east of parking lot G will be graveled for contractors.
 - Gray area is access point to buildings. These areas may be congested but they'll be open.
 - The concourse level where the stairs are (west side of Semans) and the railing needs to be replaced. It will be cordoned off by the General Contractor. This will be closed over the summer.
 - Loading dock will remain open.
 - Original plan was not doable.
 - Tunnel will remain open.
 - The project is projected to take 16 months.
 - Elevator will remain operable.
 - The intension is to free up Eisenberg for the students and for us to get into Semans Library.
 - The event space is similar to the size of Eisenberg.
 - Any questions that pertain to disruption goes to Frank Brinkley.
 - Frank – Everyone parking in E lot have been contacted.
 - Gravel lot near DeMille will help.

- The backup plan is to use spaces on the campus police side.
- MySa will explain once the details have been figured out.
- Facilities Maintenance has a link on their [website](#).

BOT Updates and Summaries – Matt Horvat

- Value statement
 - Lindsey's value statement was released in February. Lindsey's letter went out and was presented at BOT. It boils down to 5 words to support a quality workplace: Community, Collaboration, Imagination, Integrity, and Grit.
 - Other news from the Finance Committee. New dorms are projected to open Fall 2021.
- Internal Audit – Sharon Fogarty
 - Results can be used as a good resource.
 - Sometimes there is sensitive personal information that won't be made public.
 - A response will be posted.
 - Within the BOTs there is the Audit Committee. They meet when BOTs meet.
 - Minutes from the meetings are posted.
 - Minutes to audit committee can be seen on BOT website.
 - Lauren Whitaker - BOT Meeting Minutes were last updated in 2014-2015
 - For meeting minutes before they're posted you might want to contact [Amanda Balwah](#).

Special Events Announcements - Edwin Martinat

- Chili Cook Off – Feb 28
 - Chili or Cornbread. Guidelines and rules are on MySa.
 - Hot Prizes but no raffle prizes.
 - Come out to eat. We need you to donate one item or more for pickle pantry.
 - Flyer will go around tomorrow.
- Thunderbirds Game Night – March 15
 - Wonderful time last time so we're going back. Tickets are \$10. Good time!!
 - Tickets will be on sale next Thursday at the cook off or email me.
- Golf Tournament – May 15
 - Janet Oyster scholarship fund. If you know anyone who plays golf let us know. We're shooting to get 2 teams.
- Beaux Arts Update – April 27
 - Student affairs is looking for chaperones.
 - Volley Ball tournament.
 - If you have questions please email Edwin Martinat.

No Professional Development updates

- Positive damage is coming back.

Other Announcements

- Districts reaching out to Staff – Sharon Fogarty
 - Reps are conduits. Playing a pivotal role.
 - Some Districts are closer, some are more spread out.
 - Steve is trying to roll out software to get districts to communicate better. Looking for test group. Microsoft Yammer.
 - Will be rolling out software for finance.
- Upcoming Elections – Matt Horvat
 - This year we'll hold the elections for the odd numbered districts. Nominations open April 1st close 12th.
- Call for Topics – Matt Horvat
 - Any topics
- Any business from the districts – Matt Horvat
 - We need to figure out how to bring back first Thursdays.
 - BTW, the Semans Library may cause a shift in Districts.
 - All Staff – might do it during the student and faculty in serve? (March 12th) Tuesday afternoon.
 - Governor's Awards for Excellence. Announcement was in MySa. There is a link you can go to. Multiple categories. Look at the different categories so you can see who can nominate.
 - Push standing ovations more, morale is low.

Closing Remarks – Matt Horvat

- Matt: Any closing remarks?
 - None

*Next meeting will be Thursday, March 21 at 11 a.m. in the Cobb Training Room, Campus Police.