Exempt Staff Council Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, March 29, 2012  
11:30-1:00, ASC 378 and MOH 201

Members present: Marie Aho, Margaret Cahill, Terry Lynn Eggert, Sarah Huesing, Andrea Koepp, Tony Lewno, Nate Rolloff, Sandy Schwartz, Colleen Stephens, Kay Wimer  
Absent:

Terry Lynn started off with introductions of the council and presenting those members whose terms are almost up with a gift.

Mike Cogan was first to speak regarding Institutional Effectiveness. Mike talked about working in a decentralized group. He talked about how long term housing drops has affected UST and our community as well as all of higher education. Combined with tuition, the cost of attending college continues to rise. We need to be ready for a cap, or bubble, that could max out. The Institutional Effectiveness group needs to analyze the data to help UST make wise decisions. This includes Registrar, Academic Information Center, Academic Reporting, and Institutional Research and Analysis.

Dan Gjelten and Mike Anderson presented on Tutor/Mentor in St. Paul Public Schools Foundation to help young kids with reading. Dan talked about the kids that he worked with and how it was one of the best experiences he has had. Many kids struggle to be successful and be proficient in math and reading. They presented a video that helped show what opportunities we have to help these kids and how much they appreciate what our help does for them. Mike’s colleague, Maya, discussed further some of the details of tutoring. There are group opportunities where a team of coworkers can all work with the same student on different days of the week. They also had handouts with further details and a map showing their different sites. Even though we are towards the end of this school year, it is still a great time to get involved so you can get training and get the knack of it and be ready to go next fall. There are also summer opportunities. Maya is also available for further questions.

Kevin Knutson was up next to present on technology on campus in the form of Digital Signage. It is not new on campus, there used to be TV’s in MHC hallways. The AARC and ASC have been a big part of our upgrades. Next up will be improving signage in Minneapolis, then other signage in St Paul, followed by expanding Poster Management to the entire campus. There is not a Digital Signage team or department but more of a “virtual” team. They have worked with a number of key vendors. UST has gone from about 8 screens to over 70 and will have over 100 when the project is complete. X2O is the application being used. They came up with a data flow process that makes it paperless for students/staff to have posters digitally posted around campus including an approval process. The idea of going digital was also implemented in dining services for their menus.
Next up Father Malone, VP for Mission, spoke about where things are and plans for the future. Are we doing what we are supposed to be doing (mission)? UST does not become advocates of certain Archdiocesan policies as it can hinder openness and Father talked about an example of this recently. UST promotes open thinking as an educational institution. He also answered some questions in regards to the university’s mission.

Respectfully submitted,
Nate Rolloff