

College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences

Staff Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

September 3, 2003

Retreat: Gwynne Conservation Area - Molly Caren Farm

Present:

Rita Bowers
Carol Bunn
Laurie Ann Callan
Marjorie Dellinger
Anita Donaldson
Karen Fedevich

Debra Gallagher
Dave Grum
Jim Karcher
Bill Koshar
Dana Oleskiewicz
Pat Patterson

Gabriella Pearse-Danker
Dave Sammons
Dave Scardena
Megan Strother
Regina Vann
Mary Jo Williams

Absent:

Helga Beke
Michael Kirkpatrick
Peggy Lambert

Barb LaMoreaux
Susan Miller
Jamie Nightingale

Carol Poe

Pat Patterson, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Pat Patterson asked the Council if there were any changes to the July 2003 Meeting Minutes. There being none Debra Gallagher, Past Chair, moved to approve the Minutes.

Pat Patterson asked for all present to introduce themselves.

Dana Oleskiewicz, Vice Chair and Chair – Nominations Committee, led the election of officers for the next term. Ballots were passed-out and collected by Pat Patterson.

Dana Oleskiewicz showed a PowerPoint presentation which gave an overview of Staff Advisory Council. In addition to the presentation itself, Dana provided a handout of the slides. Dana asked for some SAC members to give a short talk regarding particular areas of the presentation. Individual talks included:

--Regina Vann: Shirley Brooks-Jones Citizenship Award.

--Dave Scardena: Day with The Dean.

--Gabriella Pearse-Danker: Vice President's Advisory Council with added comments by Debra Gallagher, Past Chair, and Jim Karcher.

--Pat Patterson, Chair – Dave Scardena, Communications Director, and Bill Koshar, Secretary/Treasurer on their respective positions on the Executive Committee.

Chet Bowling, Extension Specialist – Community Development, Columbus Campus, gave a presentation titled "Appreciative Inquiry Interview." The presentation was a tool to help SAC members learn more about each other, themselves, and a different way in which to solicit responses to questions (i.e., questionnaire, survey). After many exercises and discussion, Chet asked that the following be highlighted:

--Our May 21, 2003 meeting with L.H. gave SAC a sense of purpose.

--Dana's Orientation Presentation grew from that meeting.

--At the beginning of a meeting, consider displaying SAC's purpose.

--We have the opportunity to make a difference.

--At the end of our meetings, ask ourselves; "What was the most important part of the meeting (day)?"

As part of the last exercise, the three groups came-up with the following purposes:

--Share ideas, tasks, and duties. Agree upon realistic and clear goals. Develop ownership. Accept efficient methods and practices.

--We conduct ourselves with a positive attitude. We value the social aspects of teamwork and we have strong, positive leadership to facilitate meaningful accomplishments.

--We challenge ourselves to change the path.

Pat Patterson, Chair, announced that the Annual Meeting will be held on October 15 at the Hall of Fame. Pat encouraged members to R.S.V.P. to Carol Poe. Pat also asked members to touch base with their respective chairs. Pat asked that members think of others who could be invited and forward those names to her.

Rita Bowers shared that the Day with The Dean winners would soon be announced.

Pat Patterson, Chair, announced the new Executive Committee for the upcoming year:

--Chair: Dana Oleskiewicz (not on ballot)

--Vice Chair: Anita Donaldson

--Communications Director: Dave Scardena

--Secretary/Treasurer: Bill Koshar

There being no more issues to discuss, Debra Gallagher moved to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Koshar, Secretary/Treasurer