

TO: Staff Senate  
FROM: Pauline Palko  
DATE: April 29, 2015  
SUBJECT: Minutes of the April 8, 2015 Meeting

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In attendance: Ms. Cherra, Ms. Mecadon, Ms. Palko, Ms. Rupp, Ms. Tucker, Ms. Edwards, Mr. Fedoryk, Mr. Pilger, Mr. Roginski, Mr. Sakowski, Ms. Shimsky, Mr. Hallock, Jr. Knicely, Ms. Bevacqua, Ms. Butler, Ms. Driscoll McNulty, Ms. Freeman, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Oakey, Mr. Wetherell, Ms. Vita, Kristi Klien.

Not in attendance: Ms. Barrett Notarianni, Ms. Kocis, Ms. Cook, Mr. Davitt, Ms. Hollingshead, Ms. Grissinger.

Guests: Mr. Cardamone, Mr. Coleman, Ms. Wormuth.

**Welcome:**

Mr. Wetherell called the meeting to order at 10:07 am, in the PNC Bank Board Room, Brennan Hall. Ms. Butler offered the opening prayer; Mr. Sheehan volunteered to offer the prayer at the May meeting.

Attendance was checked, quorum met for voting purposes.

**Review of March meeting minutes:**

Minutes approved.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Agenda approved.

**Liaison Report:**

Mr. Wetherell presented updates in Ms.

Hildebrandt Learning Center representatives will be visiting campus to come up with a final plan for the planned repurpose project at the former Madison Junior High School in the Hill Section of Scranton which will include a Hildebrandt daycare and learning center on the ground floor and graduate student housing on the upper floors. The Learning Center and student housing is projected to open August 2015.

Mr. Wetherell asked senators to read the Staff Handbook and provide comments and suggestions. Mr. Wetherell asked for volunteers to serve on a handbook working group for June 2015. Ms. Bevacqua volunteered.

**Presidents Report:**

Board of Trustees convened an abbreviated meeting regarding the budget and strategic plan (regularly scheduled BOT meetings were cancelled due to inclement weather).

The budget for 2015-2016 was approved with no involuntary layoffs. Budget is available on the finance website. Mr. Murphy was a member of that committee.

Mr. Wetherell expressed his wish that Staff Senate representation on the budget committee remain permanent.

UGC is now chaired by the Provost, Dr. Boomgaarden. Mr. Wetherell and executive committee officers attended the first meeting of the academic year. Our Ombudsman report was forwarded to the UGC and the executive committee looks forward to discussing it at the next UGC meeting.

Mr. Wetherell thanked those who met with Clay Nottlemann (HR) for feedback on the

to what kind of feedback employees are looking for from their supervisors during those meetings.

MTTP Roundtable is scheduled for April 22, 2-4pm, BRN 228.

### **Committee Reports**

Finance Committee    Ms. Hollingshead was not in attendance; Mr. Wetherell noted the





Mr. Wetherell instructed the Clerical constituency to review the notes from the roundtable and recommend items to Mr. Wetherell for the senate to discuss or that the committee can answer easily.

MTTP constituency will meet immediately after adjournment for the CIDDt