UNM-Gallup Staff Council Minutes

Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2023 | 10 a.m. | Library Conference Room

Staff Council Executive Committee

President Frank Sanchez	Present
President-elect Tina Griego	Present
Treasurer Monica Wyaco	Present
Secretary Richard Reyes	Present
Member At Large Abigail Montoya	Present
Member At Large Grace Lueras	Not Present
Past President Denise Silva	Not Present

Staff & Guests Present:

Shanda Tom
Teyah Denetclaw
Jessica Pino
Rae Vargas-Ruiz
Linda Begayne

Approval of Agenda

Motion: Monica W.
Second: Linda B
Discussion: None.
Opposition: None.
Action: Motion approved.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion: Tina G.
Second: Linda B.
Discussion: None.
Opposition: None.
Action: Motion approved.

Discussion/Action Items

1. Planning and Approval of Staff Council Yearly Calendar – Staff Council
   Discussion: Council picked up discussion on yearly calendar and events.
   - October
     - Wellness Day was set for October but will be rescheduled.
     - Student Veterans Association Halloween Event with help from SkillsUSA. Desire expressed by staff of buying candy and handing out at each department for children to go around campus. Staff discussed Halloween events being successful in the past and being good for community outreach. Decision was made to let the SVA and Skills coordinate the event with Staff Council willing to help where needed. Tina was tasked with coordinating with Nick Brokeshoulder.
     - Voter Registration Drive: Frank asked if it could coincide with another event. Richard volunteered to reach out to McKinley County Bureau of Elections to invite them on campus during Nursing's Coffee with a Cop event.

- Domestic Violence Awareness Month: Decision was made to add this to next year's calendar.
- Hispanic Heritage Month: Decision was made to add this to next year's calendar as well. This also led to discussion of coordinating with DEI Office and Taskforce. Richard volunteered to reach out to LD Lovett for Staff Council presentation on DEI. Frank mentioned idea of yearly DEI presentation at Staff Council.

- November
  - Staff Council Food Drive.
  - Question about turkey dinners from Academy Kitchen. Shanda was tasked with following up on whether that will happen this year.
- December:
  - Question about Salsa Contest (food not dancing). Decision was made to incorporate Salsa Contest as part of BMI Challenge celebration/potluck in December.
  - Holiday in New Mexico: Date is set for Thursday, Dec. 7. Focus is more on UNM-Gallup programs and departments. All are invited to be part of planning committee or for booth setup during event.
  - Commencement: There will be no ceremony in December, so event was removed from calendar. UNM-Gallup is having only one graduation in the Spring.
- January & February 2024:
  - Frank suggested tabling the discussion and picking up the conversation with January/February events.

Motion: Frank S. motioned to table discussion for next meeting.
Second: Richard R. seconded.
Opposition: None.
Action: Motion approved and discussion tabled.

Committee Reports

1. Wellness Committee: Frank S. said the BMI Challenge is underway with 15 people signed up and plans to do orientation at the gym.
2. Exit Interview Committee: No report.
3. Development Committee: No report.
4. Safety Committee: Frank said Jacob LaCroix asked if a Safety Committee report could be added to future Staff Council meetings since Tina is a member of both. Tina made a Safety Committee report as part of her President-elect report.

Executive Committee Reports

1. President: Frank S. asked for staff to review and give suggestions on the proposed Admin Assistant duties. Frank met with Campus Council to talk about the position. Leadership said they met and discussed it. Hoping for decision soon.
2. President-elect: Tina G. delivered Safety Committee updates. Safety Week went well, but low participation on Safety Walk. Bigger push/promotion needed next year. Safety Committee is planning to buy radios for emergency communications since campus does not have a PA system. More bike racks will be installed around campus at request of McKinley Academy. Consideration for joint UNM-GMCS Rave emergency alert system due to concerns of high school students not being part of UNM-Gallup Lobo Alerts. Facilities and Safety Committee are working on plan for annual fire drills. A HAZMAT Response Plan Subcommittee is in the planning phases.
3. Treasurer: No report.

4. Secretary: Richard R. attended ABQ Staff Council Business Meeting remotely and shared thoughts. Their meetings start with a roll call and land acknowledgment. Richard will add roll call to future meetings. Land acknowledgment discussion will be added to next meeting agenda. There was some discussion on how to encourage more staff participation at meetings as well as more active committee meetings. Richard asked if we should reconsider having the Exit Interview Committee. Frank requested it as an item for next agenda to consider temporarily disbanding or continuing the committee. Richard also proposed an Event Committee.
5. Members At Large: No reports.
6. Past president: No report.

Comments/Announcements

- No comments/announcements.

Next meeting:

10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25, SSTC 120.

Adjourn

Motion: Richard R. motions to adjourn.
Second: Linda B.
Discussion: None.
Opposition: None.
Action: Motion approved.
Meeting adjourned around 11:20 a.m.