

Staff Council
Staff Development Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2017

Present: Ruta Marino (Staff Member-at-Large), Lisa Ramsay, April Skurka
Absent: Mary Ann Hanicak (Vice President for Staff Development), Marianne Cicirelli (Staff Member-at-Large), Salomon Rodezno (Staff Member-at-Large)

1. Review of Morning Socials: going well, different people come, hope they continue next year
 - a. Remaining two socials for this semester:
 - i. Apr.7 Blue and Gold Room, Athletics
 - ii. May 5 Chemistry Dept. Conference Room, Dolan Science Center
2. Prepare questions for This Week in Higher Ed lunch
 - a. All present agreed that as Staff Council members we should allow time to vent, if that is what people want.
 - b. Each of us attending on Friday (April and Salo cannot attend) will have a pad and pen to take notes, in case people are hesitant to submit questions online themselves.
 - c. Questions to ask, to facilitate the discussion: (Ruta will print them and bring, once all have approved the questions)
 - i. What are you feeling (about the news from the last Community Forum on the state of JCU's budget)
 - ii. To what extent do you feel you have a voice?
 - iii. What else can Staff Council do for you?
 - iv. Are you willing to serve on Staff Council next year?
3. SP17 series: April is meeting with IT 3/16/17 to review last session and plan next
 - a. Last session on gmail was frustrating because levels of expertise were so different
 - b. About 30 registered and about 20 attended
 - c. Suggest sending out preliminary information ahead of time and asking people to come early to log in/be prepared
 - d. Separate sessions for beginner/intermediate/advanced would be ideal but difficult to schedule with IT
 - e. Hoping for one more session: April 19? On google drive
4. No suggestions for this committee to do before the end of the year
 - a. This committee has initiated a lot of positive programs that we hope will be continued by the newly re-organized Staff Council