Saint Mary’s College of California  
Staff Council  
June 14, 2010  

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held in the Orinda Room – Soda Center, Saint Mary’s College, Moraga, California

Council Members Present:
Michael Viola  
Laurie Aguirre  
Libby Bernard  
Chandra Commer  
Tim Farley  
Sally Jamison  
Ryan Lamberton  
Natalie McCosker  
Monica Mendenhall  
Carolyn Morris  
Melinda Oliver  
Alle Porter  
Claudine Roselle Puente  
Annalisa Schienbein  
Donna Ubeda  
Sarah Vital

Council Members with Excused Absence:
Carol Firestone  
Karen Miller  
Rick Koerlin  
Mark Splain

I.  Call to Order

Council Chair Michael Viola called the meeting to order at 9:15 am.

II.  Role Call

Committee secretary Claudine Roselle Puente took roll.

III.  Audience Participation

Open discussion was given to Linda Wobbe from the library in regards to the Staff Great Books Reading Series. Linda Wobbe asked Staff Council for their help to finance the Great Books sessions and to promote the Staff Reading Seminar. Great Books will start in September 2010.

IV.  Approval of the March and May 2010 minutes and Secretary’s Report

Sarah Vital motioned and Chandra Commer seconded to approve the March 2010 minutes. Minutes were approved unanimously. In addition, Ryan Lamberton motioned and Chandra Commer seconded to approve the May 2010 minutes. Again, minutes were approved unanimously. Claudine Roselle Puente will continue to serve as Staff Council Secretary for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.
V. **Treasurer’s Report**

One adjustment was made in the final amount for fiscal year 2009-2010. Staff Council spent $62.00 on binders for new Staff Council Members and nametags for all members. Final total comes to $258.42. Annalisa Schienbein will continue to serve as Staff Council Treasurer for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

VI. **Chair and Chair-Elect Report**

a. Council Chair Michael Viola reiterated committee chairs for second consecutive year in Staff Council challenge in regards to benefits, raises, campus climate, etc. Michael Viola commended Staff Council for their excellent services for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. Positive feedback was given from faculty and staff of the College towards the new healthcare plans. Chandra Commer was commended for her wonderful work on obtaining the Benefits Brochures and for organizing the lunches for the Staff Council meetings. Annalisa Schienbein and Claudine Roselle Puente were thanked for their work as Treasurer and Secretary of Staff Council. In addition, Michael Viola appointed Chair-Elect Sarah Vital as the new Staff Council Chair.

b. Council Chair-Elect Sarah Vital attended a C.C.I.E. meeting, and reported that the committee feels that Staff Council needs more involvement and recognition on campus. Staff Council was criticized as being a small social group as opposed to gaining recognition as a group who completed tasks and requests. As the newly appointed Chair of Staff Council, Sarah Vital appointed council member Tim Farley as the new Staff Council Chair-Elect.

VII. **Old Business**

a. No old business to report.

VIII. **New Business**

a. Council members were informed to bring their own lunches to the next Staff Council meeting, until a decision can be made at the next Staff Council meeting.

IX. **Adjournment**

Annalisa Schienbein moved and Carolyn Morris seconded to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Claudine Roselle Puente, Secretary
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