Saint Mary’s College of California
Staff Council
May 10, 2010

Meeting Minutes

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

Council Members Present:
Michael Viola  Natalie McCosker
Laurie Aguirre  Karen Miller
Chandra Commer  Carolyn Morris
Tim Farley  Claudine Roselle Puente
Carol Firestone  Annalisa Schienbein
Sally Jamison  Donna Ubeda
Ryan Lamberton  Sarah Vital

Council Members with Excused Absence:
Rick Koerlin  Mark Splain

I.  Call to Order

Council Chair Michael Viola called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm.

II.  Role Call

Committee secretary Claudine Roselle Puente took roll.

III.  Audience Participation

Open forum was given to Barry Jersky and Jamila Buckner. A colleague had suggested to have performance reviews eliminated. An audience member felt that Performance reviews shouldn’t be a necessity for workers who engage in tasks where employees perform manual labor; Staff Council members agreed. In addition, the Staff Council felt that performance reviews were important in lines of where each employee of the college can recognize areas of where they could improve or where their strengths lie.

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

Minutes of the February 2010 meeting were distributed. Tim Farley motioned and Chandra Commer seconded to approve the February 2010 minutes. Minutes were approved unanimously.
V. **Treasurer’s Report**

Annalisa Schienbein distributed the latest financial figures for the Staff Council budget. Staff Council received a discount towards the Benefit Overview brochure. For the new incoming Staff Council members, we will need $100 or so to cover expenses towards binders and nametags. Karen Miller reported that Staff Activities came under budget for events.

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

a. The C-Spray committee has continued to help the president of the College review Strategic Plans. Although there isn’t anything going on, they’re currently holding steady for the next fiscal year.

b. Sarah Vital met with the C.C.I.E., who are currently occupied with the Student Struggle Group. Student enrollment status has exceeded expectations for 2010-2011 fiscal year. Campus of Difference workshops were brought up at the last Academic Senate meeting. As of July 1, 2010, Campus of Difference workshops will be mandatory for all Faculty and Staff members. Possible seminars can take place every two years or every other year.

VII. **Old Business**

a. No old business to report.

VIII. **New Business**

a. A proposal for Staff Council to include two “at-large” members for the 2010-2011 was mentioned. Tim Farley motioned and Carol Firestone seconded to accept “at-large” Staff Council members. Motion was approved. Council member Karen Miller opposed.

IX. **Adjournment**

Claudine Roselle Puente moved and Annalisa Schienbein seconded to adjourn the meeting at 1:31 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Claudine Roselle Puente, Secretary
May 10, 2010