

## **SAPA Meeting Minutes September 20, 2011**

**Call to Order:** Vice President, Marie Slisher, called our meeting to order at 10:00 am in the Ralph Carey Forum.

Our refreshments were provided by Student Development.

Marie introduced the SAPA Executive team: Herself (Vice President), Donna Bentle (Secretary), Steve Newton (Benefits Chair), Gary Mason (Benefits Chair Elect), Lorie Cornell (SGA Representative), and David Goodrich (Faculty Representative).

### **Announcements:**

The Office of SAPA President is currently vacant. According to the bylaws, the Executive Committee serves as the nominating committee to fill the vacancy. It is with great pleasure that we present to you Gordon Eccles and Rhonda Saurbek as our nominees. Ballots were distributed to those present, and will be emailed to those not present. Return ballots to Donna Bentle @ station 8. Voting will be closed at the end of the work day on Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011.

We recognized new employees who were present: Donna Zimmerman (Business Office), Kattie DeBow and Sarah Thompson (Admissions), Ann Davis (MAC Dept ), Tim Wiegert (Registrar), Carrie Dashner (Holton Health Center), Ben Rupp ( IT Dept ), Joel Thomas (Resident Director ), Brooke Harris (Student Development) and Terri Swihart ( SAUonline).

Marie reminded members of items we will institute throughout this year at SAPA meetings: **BYOM** (Bring your own mug) to SAPA meetings in order to be more environmentally friendly. **Live Streaming** for our off-site members. Marie welcomed them and encouraged them to give us feedback on our [SAPA@arbor.edu](mailto:SAPA@arbor.edu) address. There will be a prize drawing for those who give us feedback. **Diversity Table** – Why come to SAPA and just sit with your own office friends? Sit with others and take part in the **“Table Talk”** question found at each table. And take a guess at the **Mystery Baby Photo** displayed on the overhead to win a prize. This will also be located on our blog for you to guess.

### **Devotion and Prayer**

Gary Mason focused on our University verse of the Year, which is Colossians 2:6,7. He specifically focused on the phrase, “Continue to live in Him”. Let Jesus become part of our entire life....everyday life...central in all we do. Gary encouraged people to share prayer needs with us at SAPA. We want you to find spiritual support here. Gary led us in prayer. Connect to SAPA blog prayer tab for prayer requests recently shared with SAPA.

### **Upcoming Opportunities**

We had a focused time for Kim Hayworth to share about SAU’s new **Student Success Initiative**. This is a Retention Management System, which we can all be a part of to minister to and help our

students be successful here at SAU as well as prepare them to be successful in life. This program was introduced to most of us at the Employee Retreat in August. Brooke Harris and Robin Smith shared about details of this program and what we, as staff, can do if we are a key contact for a student alert. For more resources and information on this, check out the SAU portal, [https://mysau3.arbor.edu/ICS/Student\\_Success/](https://mysau3.arbor.edu/ICS/Student_Success/) or contact Kim Hayworth at [kimh@arbor.edu](mailto:kimh@arbor.edu).

David McCallun shared about a **planned time of regular prayer** he and others have felt lead to begin here on campus. This will be a time to pray for our SAU Leadership in all areas as well as serve our students through this time of prayer. David inspired us from reading about the Third Great Awakening in the 1850's. This all began when Jeremiah Lanphier set aside an hour of prayer per week and invited other business men to join him in NY City. Millions became Christians and revival broke out in many cities and countries around the world. Keep watching your email and announcements for details of meeting place and time for this planned time of regular prayer.

**Biggest Loser will start up for this fall semester.** First meeting will be Wednesday, Sept 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 pm in the Ralph Carey Forum. This is more of a Health and Wellness Program. If you are not able to attend the first meeting and would like information, contact Marie Slisher at: [mslisher@arbor.edu](mailto:mslisher@arbor.edu).

Lorie Cornell reported concerning **Budget Meetings** she attended to represent SAPA. The ideas staff shared with her, or on our SAPA email, were shared with the Budget Committee. A key concern most had is that no positions are cut. Until final numbers are in for students, no final decisions have been made. **Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, there will be an extended SAPA meeting at 2:00 pm with representatives from the E-team.** You are welcome to attend. This will take place in the Ralph Carey Forum. Oct 10<sup>th</sup> is the date set for final decisions.

#### **Growing our Campus - Bobby Pratt**

Bobby shared briefly about some details of the new expansion to our Student Center which will be taking place during this school year. The upper level will include the bookstore, the Ralph Carey Forum meeting room, which will be able to accommodate 200 people, expanded dining seating areas for students with different furniture and feels in various locations. There will be areas that can be closed off for "dinner meetings". The lower level will have the Holton Health center as well as counseling offices. The Cougar Den and Fireside room will be down there along with a new game room. There will be plenty of area for the students to have "community".

#### **Prize Drawing and Closing**

Steve Newton drew ticket #'s, which were passed out as employees arrived, and prizes were passed out. The most Diverse Table was recognized and received prizes. There were 8 departments represented at one table. Check out their picture on our blog.

Steve Newton closed us in prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am

Next SAPA regular meeting is October 4, 2011 with Sam Riggelman – Growing With Students.