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Staff Council Standing Committee Minutes



Committee Name: Executive

Meeting Date and Place: 1/22/13, Faculty Staff Club

Members Present: Bob Christner, Mary Clark, Renee Delgado-Riley, Gene Henley and Tracy Wenzl

Members Excused: Carol Bernhard, Cindy Mason and Chelsea Beth Walker

Minutes submitted by: Kathy Meadows

	Subject	Notes	Follow-Up
1	Approve Agenda Approve Minutes	Agenda approved. Minutes from 1/8/13 approved.	
2	President's Report	Because of the recent leadership changes in HR, Clark recommended that the letter from the Employee Life Committee to HR requesting staff data, be postponed for a few weeks. Clark and Henley may meet with Jewel Washington and discuss this issue in person. President Frank recommended that all new UNM hires be subject to a criminal background check. Duffy Rodriguez, President Frank's Chief of Staff, has been tasked with finding more on campus student housing. Clark recently attended a UNM 2020 Survey Retreat. A final report will be submitted to the campus in April with a report going to the Regents in May. Between now and April, two more retreats have been scheduled. Clark and Henley will be in Santa Fe for the remainder of the week to track ERB solvency discussions.	
3	President Elect's Report	Henley reiterated that the ERB solvency discussions are heating up and he will be in Santa Fe for the remainder of the week.	
4	Speaker's Report	Wenzl moved to convene an Ad Hoc Steering Committee for the purpose of planning Staff Appreciation Month activities. This was approved by the Committee. Wenzl reported that a recent attendance audit revealed that three Councilors (two grade reps and one precinct rep) have three consecutive, unexcused absences. Wenzl will email each of the three to remind them that they must contact the Staff Council Office to request to be excused from a meeting.	Henley will make a personal call to the precinct rep.
5.	UNM 2020 Survey	See President's Report.	
6.	Recognizing Staff Receiving Service Awards	Postponed.	
7	Retiree Health Care Task Force Update	The Task Force (TF) looked at the previous recommendations from the 2010 TF. Clark and Faculty Senate President, Amy Neel provided the TF with a written charge. By 2/21/13, the TF will submit 2-3 recommendations for solvency to the BOR Audit Committee, which will then present them to the full BOR in March. Right now, the idea of a Voluntary Employee Beneficiary Association (VEBA) is gaining ground among the TF members and continues to be researched and discussed. The TF continues to meet once a week with the option of meeting twice a week if needed.	Henley wrote a synopsis of the TF's membership and work to date and Meadows will send this to Councilors to forward to their constituents.