STAFF SENATE MEETING MINUTES FOR MAY 6, 2020

ZOOM MEETING

Reminders from SS President:

* Submit Council and Committee meeting reports using Qualtrics
* Let Stephen know if you cannot make your assigned committee meetings and he will try to get a volunteer to cover for you.

Rachel Lichtenburg – Special Events and Community Building

* There is a hold on the Trenton Thunder baseball game until NJ Governor lifts restrictions and it is safe for crowds of more than 25 to gather

Chris Larthey – SDRC Report:

* Thank you to committee for creating the Staff senate Award Video (which is now posted on YouTube.
* The Gitenstein Staff Senate Award will be presented sometime in June

Stephen Tomkeil – Election Committee Report:

* Committee is considering how to go about the Spring 2020 Election Cycle in a way that is equitable and accessible.
* An email will go out to Staff Senate about opportunities for Spring, Summer and Fall

Cecilia Colbeth – Communications Committee Report:

* Staff senate now has their own YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=Fvk94ZyycpE>
* Staff Senate Spotlight submissions are in (12 so far) and on June 1st we will highlight our first senator
* The 1st and 15th of each month new spotlights will be added to our webpage, Facebook, and Instagram accounts

Joe (for Nino) – TCNJ Staff senate 20th Anniversary celebration:

* Committee will convene in June to further discuss possibilities for celebration

Nina Ringer – Liberal Learning Task Force:

* Task Force requested preliminary suggestions and recommendations about changes to the LL requirements.
* Feedback will be sent to committee chair, Cyndi Curtis

Guest Speakers:

**Dr. James Felton – VP OIEDI**

Dr. Felton gave us a brief bio about himself and then spoke of OIEDI’s vision for this upcoming academic year:

* Revise Website to tell the story of OIEDI and provide links to conferences, awards, activities for individuals
* Community Outreach – Some communities on campus feel isolation. The change from Trenton Statue to TCNJ is still being felt by some. How do we heal this and tell their story?
* Data Visualization – Equity dashboards and action plans
* Capacity Building – OIEDI is a small division but hopes to grow and have all constituents get involved.
* Collaboration between Staff Senate and OIEDI
* Working on a statement of Philosophy for OIEDI
* Climate survey results are in and assessment is proceeding
* Action plan to address issues
* Launch Professional Development opportunities
* Team Administrators will consider ways to educate new employees and departments will assess this
* COVID -19 and OIEDI – a Crisis guide

**Chief Grant – Campus Police**

Chief Grant thanks everyone for all they are doing during this crisis. His departments are working on:

* Emergency Response Team with Provost Keep and Business Continuity Plan Team
* Planning for Guidelines for when students, staff, and faculty return to campus
* His office has a plan and continues to tweak the plan according to Federal, State and CDC guidelines

**Janice Vermeychuk – Health Services**

Health services will provide TCNJ with:

* Public Health guidelines as given by State, Federal and CDC
* CDC has provided info on more symptoms other than the original 3
* Plan are being considered should there be a return to campus in Fall
* What PPE is needed?
* Personal discipline is needed to maintain responsibility should we return to campus such as wearing a face mask, keeping distances, stay home of sick, isolation and recommendations and make students follow the rules