

## Staff Council Meeting Minutes April 17, 2008

### **I. Guest Presentation**

Kerri Sleeman, Director of COMPASS (the Center for Orientation, Mentoring, Parents, and Academic Student Success), presented on COMPASS structure and activities over the last year. A copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes.

### **II. Call to Order**

Chair Becky Christianson called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm.

### **III. Members Present**

Rob Bishop, Nancy Bykkonen, Becky Christianson, Peggy Gorton, Kathy Goulette, Rob Greenhoe, Allyson Jabusch, Peter Larsen, and JoAnne Stimac. Guest Kerri Sleeman.

### **IV. Old Business**

- a) Inclement Weather Committee: Rob Bishop has finalized the committee's recommendations and forwarded them to Ellen Horsch. He is waiting to hear back. There was a brief discussion about the inclement weather last Friday. Becky noted that the University policy needs to be updated because all of the Vice Presidents are equal now (there is no Provost/Senior Vice President now).
- b) Finance Committee Report: Bev Auel was not available today.
- c) Staff Awards: Peggy Gorton reported that the committee was meeting again today. June 11<sup>th</sup> is the tentative date and different locations are still being considered because the MUB will be unavailable. More volunteers would be welcome for the committee. Peggy also talked to Brenda Sutherland about whether the Tech Bucks we give for awards will be taxable. After some investigation, it was determined that "achievement awards" are not taxable so the Tech Bucks for this purpose should not be taxed. Peggy will send a "save the date" announcement to Tech Today and will work with Cynthia to update the Staff Council Website with FAQs to limit the questions the group will have to answer about the event.
- d) Blood Donation Lunch 'n Learn will be held Wednesday, May 7 in Wads G17/19. Sally Coron from Marquette General Hospital will be the speaker.
- e) Blood Drives: Staff Council and the Benefits Office will co-sponsor two blood drives (May 21 and August 13). Due to MUB renovation, the events will be held in the DHH All-Campus Study Lounge. Appointments will be taken from 10:00 am to 1:45 pm. Walk-ins will also be accepted.
- f) Graduate School Dean Review: JoAnne Stimac reminded the group that today is the last day to complete the evaluation form.
- g) Campus Tours for New Staff: We discussed the idea of inviting family members to accompany new staff on tours. So far only one group has gone so we aren't sure how many people would be involved. The general consensus was to keep the regular tours to new staff only and look into offering tours for families during Family Fun Day.

### **V. New Business**

- a) Presidential Open Forum has been moved to Monday, April 28 at 2:00 pm. Rob Greenhoe and Kathy Goulette have volunteered to work it.
- b) Professional Development Day: Last year, we co-sponsored the event with Student Affairs and gave a contribution of \$500. The consensus of the group was that we should do the same this year. The event will occur May 21. Watch Tech Today for more details.
- c) Becky offered to update the group on events from the Senate Professional Staff Committee during the 07-08 school year.

d) Upcoming meeting schedule:

Date:	Location:	Guest:
May 15	MUB 105B	Jackie Huntoon, Dean of the Graduate School
June 19	MUB 105B	Year-end wrap-up, FFD Slide Show, 08-09 speakers

**VI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:02 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Peter Larsen, Secretary

**COMPASS**  
THE CENTER FOR  
ORIENTATION, MENTORING,  
PARENTS, AND ACADEMIC  
STUDENT SUCCESS

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**INTRODUCTIONS**



Joan Pastore  
Staff Assistant

Kerri Sleeman  
Director

Patti Kirk  
Assistant Director,  
Learning Communities  
& Mentoring

Michelle  
Nightingale  
Assistant Director,  
Orientation

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**WHAT IS COMPASS?**

- Orientation
- Mentoring
- Parents
- Academic Student Success



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**ORIENTATION** **PASSPORT TO DISCOVERY**

**First-year Students**  
One week program in Fall  
Program designed to address the academic and social transitions to college  
Students placed on teams of ~20 by major



**Orientation Team Leaders**  
Upper-class student leaders who guide new students through weeklong program

**Transfer Students**  
One-day program or online (>30 credits)  
Attend week-long program (<30 credits)



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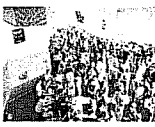
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**ORIENTATION**

**Student Athletes (fall sports only)**  
One day and attend portions of week-long to accommodate for practice/travel schedules



**Spring Orientation**  
One day session  
All first-year and transfer students attend



**Summer Orientation**  
Afternoon program before start of Sessions A & B  
All first-year and transfer students attend

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**MENTORING**

**Academic Mentors in residence halls**  
Programming  
Bulletin boards  
Bathroom stall readers



**Commuter Mentors**  
Dinners/outreach events  
Monthly newsletter



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## LEARNING COMMUNITIES

- Computer Science Learning Community (CLC)
- Forest Resources & Environmental Science (FRES)
- First-Year Experience (FYE)
- Healthy Living House (HLH)
- International House (I-House)
- Leadership Learning Community (LLC)
- Visual & Performing Arts Community(VPC)



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## PARENTS

- Parent Orientation
- Family Weekend
- Parent Fund Coordination
- Parent support



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## ACADEMIC STUDENT SUCCESS

- One-on-one guidance and outreach
- Mid-term outreach
- Academic Probation intervention
- UN1010 Creating Your Success Course Tech Guide
- Academic Advisor support
- Student Success Committee
- Summer Reading: Reading As Inquiry



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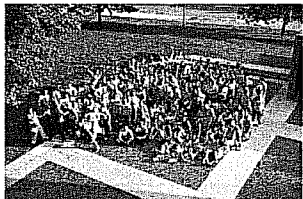
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QUESTIONS?

Thank  
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