

LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL STAFF SENATE
Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, August 16, 2016

Time: 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Location: Rains Library Director's Conference Room

Senators in Attendance: Paul Augustine, Rosie Branconier, Marina Castaneda, Auggie Gonzalez, Megumi Horinouchi, Justin Melchor, Earl Morgan, Suzie Shatarevyan, Dawn Smith, Corinne St. Claire

Senators Not in Attendance: Liz Luk

1. Welcome Dean Waterstone
 - Dean Waterstone joined us to reiterate his eagerness to reset the relationship between the Dean and staff. He welcomes feedback from the Staff Senate on how to facilitate the communication.
 - In an effort to be transparent, he outlined his two major priorities: 1) reducing the discount rate for the incoming 1L class and 2) growing the non-JD programs.
2. Ice-Cream Social on Thursday, August 25 at 3:00 PM
 - Justin will prepare an announcement regarding next week's Ice Cream Social that will take place on the basketball court. Paul also reserved the Girardi Patio for staff to mingle.
3. Staff Senate Elections for 2016-2017
 - Suzie reached out to all the nominees. She will send out individual reminders today.
4. Meeting with Cindy Archer
 - Corinne and Suzie met with Cindy to raise some of the topics we had previously discussed. Cindy was receptive to the concerns. She explained that the inclusion of tuition remission as part of retirement benefits has long been an issue amongst the administration at the university. Cindy will see if any new updates have been raised related to that matter. As for the \$5.00 fee for use of the gym, she will look into whether or not that can be waived for retirees. Fred and Vanessa of the Westchester Staff Senate said they too would look into the matter. Rosie kindly composed a formal letter, which Corinne and Suzie will pass along to Cindy. Cindy acknowledged that some of our issues may be shared by other constituents. For example, arranging for paid/subsidized massages may be possible should there be interest from other groups. In terms of gym membership, she promised to look into additional information to see if HSA can be used towards costs.
 - Cindy made a few suggestions for the Staff Senate to pursue. They include a Happy Hour with the Deans, coordinating regular updates with the Deans,

arranging a school-wide service project, and highlighting staff members.

5. Wellness Task-Force at LMU

- Suzie attended a meeting at the Westchester campus where she submitted her wish list on wellness issues. She included the issues raised by staff members including a discounted gym membership fee, gym access close to the law school campus, and free massages. She learned that the law school campus will soon have a Health Kiosk that will offer biometric screening.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 21, 2016, 12:00 PM, Library Director's Conference Room