

Faculty Welfare Committee Meeting

February 14, 2017

Library room 224

Present: Nedra Cossa, Sarah Gray, Lauren McMillan, Sarah Zingales

1. **Agenda:**

- a. New faculty-staff book club
 - b. Faculty use of one of the locker rooms
 - c. Addressing faculty concerns regarding the ASU-GSU merger
 - d. Review old charges
2. **New Faculty-Staff Book Club:** Staff Council would like to partner with Faculty Senate to establish a Faculty-Staff Book Club in order to provide an opportunity for staff and faculty to interact informally. Books will have a diversity theme.
- a. First book suggested: *Hillbilly Elegy*
 - b. The committee suggests a kickoff event and a final reception after completion of the book
 - c. An online discussion forum was also suggested so members can stay in touch as they are reading the book
 - i. Suggested platforms: Google Form or Doc, SubReddit, or Padlet
 - d. The committee will report back to Staff Council to finalize and move forward
3. **Faculty use of one of the locker rooms:** Faculty had use of one of the volleyball lockers rooms in the former ARC, however that use appears to be limited lately
- a. The committee will get in touch with the volleyball coach to clarify the locker room's use and see if faculty may once again have access
4. **Addressing faculty concerns regarding the ASU-GSU merger:** The Faculty Welfare Committee would like to assist faculty in addressing concerns related the merger.
- a. During Spring Semester 2017, the committee would like to host an informal meeting for non-administrative faculty to provide a platform for faculty to ask questions related to the merger. These questions will be sorted by the committee and forwarded to the appropriate merger committees to be addressed
5. **Review old charges:** the committee had two charges remaining from last year (Charge #1: administering a part-time faculty satisfaction survey, and Charge #2: reviewing faculty concerns from the campus climate survey)
- a. It was discussed that these charges be tabled until after the merger as any actions taken toward addressing them may change due to the process of consolidation
6. **Additional Item:** An issue related to trash removal from faculty offices was brought up
- a. Comments related to concern after theft from faculty offices and the offices not being properly secured after trash removal
 - b. A possible solution: Faculty can leave their trashcans outside their offices if they would like it taken out

Submitted by L. McMillan