

President's Advisory Council
Thursday, March 10, 2022
4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
Zoom

Present: Amy Brendmoen, Naod Abraha, Brooke Anttila, David Berg, Sarah Crippen, Nancy Dana, Emmanuel Donaby, Jean Echternacht, Perry Franzen, Darren Ginther, Joseph Kroeger, Matt Lindgren, Theresa Malone, Gay Adams Massey, Khaliq Rogers, Mary Rothchild, Miriam Shuros, Uriah Ward, Maggie Zimmerman, Dee Dee Peaslee, Austin Calhoun, Paula Kinney, Craig Morris, Greg Rathert, Wendy Roberson, Scott Wilson, Tracy Wilson

Absent: Jim Gleb, Lee Krueger, Tom McCarthy, Ryan O'Connor, Erica Schumacher, Ellen Roster

Welcome and Roll Call

Dr. Peaslee commenced the meeting at 4:02 p.m. She welcomed Uriah Ward of the Saint Paul Public Schools Board, and noted he would serve as an alternate for Chauntyll Allen. Ms. Lewis conducted roll call.

Carpentry Program Proposal

Mr. Franzen introduced the head of Carpentry's Program Advisory Committee, Ms. Shuros, and said he would be available to answer questions after she gave an overview of the proposal.

Ms. Shuros said the program was interested in developing strategic partnerships to provide long-term, sustainable building projects for their students. She noted the ideal setting for teaching course and program learning outcomes would be at one site, and that student feedback said they prefer a hands-on learning experience of building a house rather than shop experience. Ms. Shuros added both Alexandria Technical and Community College, and St Cloud Technical and Community College have Carpentry programs that include guaranteed jobsite experience. She asked the council members in helping to find a partner.

Discussion

Ms. Massey asked if the program was looking for partners who could provide multiple projects over an extended period of time. Mr. Franzen said they would like to partner with someone who would have projects available on a continuous basis, and noted the program does lose students who find a program with a guaranteed onsite project.

Ms. Crippen asked for more information on the 916 North Metro High School project that was included in the letter the council members received. Mr. Franzen said North St. Paul has properties where they can tear down and build new homes. He said the high school does all the building and labor, and the city then takes the property and sells it. Mr. Lindgren asked if North St. Paul was too far away, or if the city could have projects for both the high school and Saint Paul College. Mr. Franzen said in the past transportation had been an issue for some students, and noted they would like to have a jobsite within 12-15 miles of the college.

Mr. Kroeger asked if the college could build a tiny home on-site and sell it. Mr. Franzen said tiny homes were not compatible with the learning outcomes of the program, and added students often enter the program with the intention of getting into residential construction.

Dr. Peaslee asked if the council members had any leads who should they reach out to. Mr. Franzen said they could contact him for any potential partners.

Friends of Saint Paul College Book Club Selection, "Decolonizing Wealth"

Ms. Dana said the Friends of Saint Paul College Foundation were conducting a book club to discuss how philanthropy and being an Anti-Racist Trauma-Informed institution can align, and invited the council members to join them in the book club. The book they selected was “Decolonizing Wealth,” as the book intends to challenge the world view and provides a pathway to healing.

Discussion

Dr. Peaslee asked if the books had been purchased. Dr. Calhoun said she had copies of the book available, and if anyone would like to join to let her know and she would provide them with a copy.

Strategic Plan Update

Dr. Kinney said the process to develop the new Mission, Vision, and Values started in October, and included community feedback sessions, a session with the President’s Advisory Council on the mission statement, and a planning session with the academic deans to develop value statements which were then shared with faculty for feedback. She said the Mission, Vision, and Values would be presented to the campus community on March 11 during the Town Hall meeting.

Ms. Roberson said the mission statement was about why the college exists and was in language that was understandable to both internal and external audiences. The vision statement was what the college hopes to become, and the values were the core principles for the college. Dr. Peaslee then shared the new Mission, Vision, and Values. She said after they are shared with the campus community, they would be presented to the Minnesota State Board of Trustees for approval. Once approved, they would then need to apply with HLC. Dr. Peaslee noted they were not anticipating any concerns.

Discussion

Dr. Echnacht said the Mission, Vision, and Values were excellent and reflected everyone’s contributions. Ms. Brendmoen agreed and said the statements show what was guiding the institution to move forward. Ms. Massey added she was impressed with how the institution was leaning into equity and anti-racism, and the way they were put together reflected thoughtfulness and was a wonderful goal to work toward.

Nominations for New Members and May 5th Meeting

Dr. Peaslee said for the final meeting of the year the Culinary students would be hosting a joint luncheon for the Presidents Advisory Council and Foundation Board members, and noted an invitation would be forthcoming. Dr. Peaslee also said if any council members had recommendations for nominations of new members to reach out to her or Ms. Lewis.

Meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jennie Lewis

March 30, 2022