**CAS Staff Council Meeting**

**6-22-17|2-3:30|Hamilton 733**

* **Staff Development Funding Program – Beth Whitaker**
  + Beth is on the board for her conference – ABLE
  + University of Wisconsin - Madison
  + Discussed the dissemination of grant funds before the conference with the rest of the board/committee
  + Also following up with previous recipients of the grant
  + The rest of the conference was a more traditional conference, learning and seminars
    - Animal behavior lab with ants and termites
    - Paper writing techniques
    - Making labs less “cookbooky”
    - Diversity training for lab managers and instructors
    - Social Networking analysis – How students connect with each other in and out of the classroom
    - “Packback” discussion board vendor, discussion board that auto moderates discussions
* **Subcommittee Reports – Transition updates**
  + Prof Development – Sophia
    - Good news bad news
      * Good news – head of Strengths Center was receiving medical treatment, he’s feeling better so we have a workshop setup for September 14 2-3:30pm.
      * Bad news – It’s $10/person fee for the workshop and an additional $10/person if they need to take the Strengths test. More than was originally planned so may need to lower the amount of people Staff Council will pay for.
      * Will have to ask Alecia if we can get additional funds. Will also create a basic flyer.
      * Potential SPARK! Or ProfDevo for the future. Carol Levin just got back from a fellowship in England, her major lecture while she was there was about Chocolate History so she may potentially be willing to speak on it. May also try to get a chocolatier in for demonstration.
  + Networking and Event Planning
    - Ice Cream Social – July 27th, 3:30-4:30pm
      * Flyer
      * Picture of new Staff Council
    - Alycia Harden and Kate
    - Need flyer made (Comm group?) – Yes Communications Group
  + Recognition – Kate
    - Nothing to report
  + Communications – Casandra
* **Interest Survey/New Member Recruitment**
  + Results thus far – Sophia
    - Most interesting results were:
      * Lots of people would like to see topics related to leadership, supervising staff and difficult conversations
      * SPARK! On technology
      * Organizing, communication technology,
      * Open times were MOSTLY anytime or in the afternoon for events
      * Moving times around for events may be the best idea
      * How to incentivize people and their bosses to go to/allow staff to go to events?
      * Advertise Staff Council at applause awards
  + Per Alecia, 3 people expressed interest. Need 1-2 more.
* **Reminder/ongoing business: guest speaker ideas for SC meetings**
  + Nancy Myers is not available – do we pursue someone else (Drashti or other)?
* **Other?**
* **Future Meetings**
  + July 27 – OLDH 538 | 2 – 3:30pm (Combined with new staff council)