

Cabinet

Attendees:

President Hafner, Peg Beck, Donald Bowman, Feng Hou, Yolanda Ibasfalen, Margaret Lowery, Mike Mears, Pam Morris, Carol Probstfeld, Felix Rizk, Ann Roggero, Daisy Vulovich, Kathy Walker, Darlene Wedler-Johnson, David Wildes

Meeting Summary

Agenda item: Health Insurance **Presenter:** Peg Beck
Discussion: Ms. Beck gave a brief history of MCC's health insurance plan and our membership in the consortium which gives limited choices for employees by contract. Ms. Beck is currently working with consultants to evaluate the RFP. The tentative date for an RFP to go out would be January 2009.

Agenda item: Cross Functional Wellness Team **Presenter:** Peg Beck
Discussion: Ms. Beck reported that the college will form a Cross Functional Wellness Team that will include representation from students, faculty, staff and administrators.

Agenda item: Faculty Advising **Presenter:** Felix Rizk
Discussion: Faculty advising should be voluntary. At one time a cross functional team did recommend that faculty advisors be compensated. It is important that communication remain open to all who are informally advising. Dr. Hafner discussed the differences and importance of advising and tutoring. Advising includes many aspects from the onset of when the student begins at MCC and there are many ways for students to be tutored. Ms. Wedler-Johnson suggested that focus be on differentiating where the greatest needs are for faculty advising.

Other Information

Dr. Hafner - Reported a meeting with Representative Galvano

Meetings with Sarasota County Administrator, New College and St. Stephens Preparatory school regarding their participation in LambdaRail.

Dr. Probstfeld – 8 large plasma monitors to be placed on campus which will aid with emergency communications - 6 Bradenton and 2 in Venice

Dr. Bowman – Graduation committee has met to begin planning for December 2008 commencement. Requested ideas for guest speakers

Ms. Beck – Reported on benefits fair – successful with Venice campus benefits fair to be on 9/24/08

Ann Roggero – Public Arts Project with the goal to bring together students, faculty staff and the community

Kathy Walker – Four year degree news coverage

Ongoing meetings regarding the December 4, 2008 Music Theatre Building Opening and Presidential Inauguration

Attended a workshop regarding public records and Sunshine Law

Consulting with Nuevo Advertising regarding Hispanic Web pages. MCC owns two Spanish Domains

MCC Extra revisions – comes out the 1st and 15th of every month

David Wildes – Golf carts and small equipment operators have been told to stay off sidewalks

Lakewood Ranch – design and development package

Music Building complete and will begin work on new art gallery

Darlene Wedler-Johnson– 10/2 PTK Nu Zeta Chapter will sponsor a Lecture Series 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Heritage House

Paradox of Affluence – Doctors Without Borders

10/10 Faculty Development Day

Feng Hou – Portal Kickoff and Training successful

LambdaRail Summit on 9/24

Voice over IP to replace USF telephone service

Peg Lowery – 9/25 Venice Campus Employee Campaign Celebration

October – Ribbon Cutting for Music Theater Building

Daisy Vulovich – Ready to Work Assessments

Procurement Summit

Word & Excel 97 Training

Hosting annual SHRA – Sarasota Human Resource Association – Strategic Leadership 2008 on

November 14th

Pam Morris – Reminder that hospitality budgets from the President's office have been cut 8%