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Comments from Dr. Reagan Ramsower, Vice President for Operations and Chief Financial Officer

Dr. Ramsower stated that the stadium was on track and on budget. Work on how to stage an event is in progress. The Baylor/Waco Stadium Authority (BWSA) has been formed to help reshape how the area by the river is utilized. BWSA has contracted with two groups – Stadium Management Group (SMG) and Club Corp of America (CCA). SMG is responsible for the managing of the events. CCA will operate the Baylor Club, which will be a fine dining venue. Membership required. Baylor will be leasing the stadium for events when not in use for football games. The plan is to have one major concert a year in the stadium.

There will be paid parking by the stadium. Ferrell Center and the Dutton garage will be used on game day for football game attendees. September 20th has been designated Family Weekend @ Baylor. There will be different events and vendors. The goal is to have the stadium facilities in use 2-3 times a week for different groups and events.

Dr. Ramsower encouraged staff to support this exciting new venue.

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Service Project

650 pairs of socks were collected for Friends for Life and as of last week, more are still coming in at this time. Friends for Life were grateful for this gift. If any of you have any suggestions or comments about the project, please email Amy Williams and it will be passed on to the Service Project Committee.

STEPP

Second STEPP luncheon for the year was held February 26 titled “McLane Stadium - Game Day 2014”. Guest speaker was Brian Nicholson, AVP for Facility Planning and Construction who gave an update on the progress with McLane Stadium and what fans can expect next season.

329 registered with 281 ordering lunch. Scanners were used to track attendance and there were a few glitches with the system which registered 265 in attendance.

Last STEPP luncheon for the year will be April 16th with Dr. Anne Grinols speaking on “7 Values of Successful Communicators”.

Ombudsperson

Members of this committee are: John Lowe, Mary Reinhardt, and Sherri Honza. The committee is still in information gathering stage - going through old minutes, speaking with former Council members associated with various stages of the Ombuds history, and researching peer institutions.
Membership Committee

Membership Committee: Adam Ecklund (Chair), Mabrie Hermann, Karen Griffiths, Della Johnson, Diane Haun. Special thanks to Sue Koehler, Marcia Dutshmann, Jennifer Eubank, and HR.

The Membership Committee has done the following:
- Nominations (Feb. 17-28)
- HR Check (March 3-7)

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The following are the nominees for review by Staff Council:
- Karen Rudolph, admissions
- Suzanne Cope, admissions
- Callie Schrank, athletics
- Adrienne Conradt, Provost Office
- Diane Haun, Honors
- Carol McCulloch, Arts & Sciences
- Vicki Patterson, Psychology & Neuroscience
- Vickie Schulz, Institute for Faith and Learning
- Ann Westbrook, Modern Languages
- Kandy Knowles, Police Department
- Pam Parshall, Controllers Office
- Sherill Duren, General Council Office
- Will Telfer, University Library
- Renee Gist, Arts & Sciences
- Britt Smith, Controllers Office
- Karly Heffner, Athletics
- Carol Moyer, Cashiers Office

Two nominations are still needed from the Student Life area.

Elections will take place on March 24-28

Nomination Committee

Nomination committee members are: Sue Koehler, Steve Kieff, Karen Griffiths, Julie Stelley, and Paula Young. This committee is responsible for selecting the nominees who will run for chair-elect and secretary. The committee will also take nominee suggestions from Staff Council members.
The deadline to accept nominees is March 24 and the committee will meet on March 26 to discuss the nominees. All nominees will be contacted by one of the committee members to assure that the nominee is willing to run for office.

The list of nominees must be sent to all Staff Council members by April 1.

**University Committee Reports**

**Campus Diversity**

The committee reviewed 4 grant applications. Diversity Enhancement Grants were awarded to the Global BU Vision, the Cultural Showcase-Herstory, GC LLC Spring Banquet and the Women’s History Month Committee.

The chair reminded members about the nominations for the 2014 Annual BU Diversity Award-applications due by April 1.

**Faculty Senate**

At the Faculty Senate meeting on February 11, 2014, President Ken Starr addressed the Senate regarding the process of naming an interim Provost and beginning the search for a permanent replacement. He invited the Senate’s advice and counsel regarding the appointment of an interim Provost as well as on the makeup and procedures of the search committee for a permanent one.

Michael Matier, Vice Provost for Institutional Effectiveness addressed the Senate regarding the use of Academic Analytics (AA), which he clarified, was a tool to help schools and departments better understand how their programs compare to other programs across the country.

At the meeting on March 4, 2014, Lenore Wright spoke about the services offered through Academy for Teaching and Learning. She reiterated that this office is there to serve faculty and asked for any input or suggestions they might have.

Dr. Todd Still reported on the Provost Search Committee. He said the composition of the committee will be mainly faculty, with a student and staff representative. The committee welcomes nominations from faculty if they know someone interested and who will meet Baylor’s qualifications. He gave the timeline and the committee’s goal is that the Provost be hired by June 2015.

**Spiritual Life Advisory**

The committee reviewed the following petitions:

- Vertical (seeking campus charter) – Sponsored by office of Spiritual Life on a trial basis.

- Refuge Campus Ministries (seeking campus charter) – Denied. Tied too specifically to one specific local congregation and not associated with any nationally established ministry or denomination.
- Ratio Christi (seeking campus charter) – Denied. Group is classified as a “movement” and not an established national ministry and published theological stance is at odds with the academic mission of our institution.

- Catholic Student Association (seeking permission for on-campus mass) – Denied. Although already chartered as an official student organization, committee is hesitant to advocate a request that is in violation with Baylor’s policy regarding alcohol on campus.

- Individual Student (seeking permission for campus fountain baptism) – Denied. Do not condone use of fountains or other inappropriate water sources for safety reasons. Encouraged student to work through campus recreation to use an appropriate facility on campus.

**PID**

Baylor-Waco PID committee met on 3/5/14. Much discussion ensued concerning the City of Waco and Baylor banners that will be hung throughout the PID area. There was discussion on getting the downtown merchants excited and on board about Baylor football game days. The first game is on a Sunday, many merchants would traditionally be closed. Also discussed ways to market the downtown area to Baylor students. Chisholm crossing website, the Horizon email blast, and other media sources were discussed. Dash is not getting many riders on Friday nights.

April 12-13 is Weekend in Waco with many activities planned for the downtown area.

**Old Business**

**Constitution and By-Laws**

The Constitution Committee met on February 18, 2014 to finalize the proposed format and changes of the Constitution and Bylaws. These changes were presented to Staff Council and a vote will be taken at the next scheduled meeting.