

## November 1, 2013

### Westchester Administrative Staff Council November 1, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 9:08AM.

The October meeting minutes were approved and seconded.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

We have \$5500 with \$335 encumbered for coffee for monthly meetings.

#### **Benefits Committee**

The committee had their first meeting. They added a faculty representative from the Law School. They discussed the possibility of returning to self-funding. Cigna has taken the loss for three years in a row re: claims. Should we go back to self-funding and take a loss? Each year can be different. They will be revisiting this subject. The Tuition Exchange, which was a major topic last year, seems to be going fine. The committee will be meeting once a month.

They are also involved in wellness activities. Wellness Wednesdays – a punchcard program in conjunction with Chartwell's – will be honored at Choate in the faculty dining room as well. If you fill your meal card online, you have to put at least \$50 on the card. If you put at least \$100 on your meal card, you receive a 10% bonus. Using the punch card, once you purchase 10 healthy meals, the 11th is free.

#### **Guest Speaker: Lisa Bardill Moscaritolo, Dean of Students, Westchester**

There are more than 70 student organizations in Westchester, and the Greek population is larger than that in NYC. We have 360 athletes (including dance and cheer). 75% of first-year students live on campus; 77% of students stay on campus 3-4 weekends per month. 38% of SDCA's programs were held over the weekend last year.

#### **Athletics:**

We entered into a radio partnership with WFAS – radio and streaming games. The murals in Goldstein were completed as part of the 10 year anniversary of the fitness center. Last year marked the largest doubleheader in Goldstein Fitness Center - 1000 people attended a basketball doubleheader. Athletics has won awards two years in a row for their marketing. Pace hired two new coaches: Coach Pat Kennedy (Men's Basketball) and Coach Thomas Mariano (Men's Lacrosse). The football team has the top GPA in NE-10 conference. There were 1800 attendees at the Homecoming football game on 10/26/13.

#### **Values**

98% of students who used the Counseling Center said they would recommend the center to someone else.

We had 248 students registered with disabilities in 2012.

#### **Leadership training:**

SDCA connects students at Orientation. They added Week of Welcome (WOW) for both residential and commuter students. It provides another small group experience – with a different group and different leader than orientation – and

reinforces Orientation info. They have also introduced freshmen interest groups (FIGs). All freshmen must choose a FIG. FIGs include Body and Mind; Nursing; Media; Setters Leadership House (SLH)

ALANNA – 55 mentees/mentors; students found it beneficial for their social and academic adjustment to Pace.

Community Service:

There were 241 participants in “Make a Difference Day.”

Relay for Life has grown annually.

100% of athletics teams and Greek organizations participate in service.

Current programs:

SDCA is continuing to increase weekend programming and building the infrastructure to support changes from master plan.

This year has a focus on the 50th anniversary of the PLV campus:

Step and stroll used a song from 1963.

50th person to check in to each residence hall received a gift.

There is a holiday party co-sponsored with HR on December 6 for students, staff and faculty.

The Snowball Dance will be held in February for 50th

There is increased GLBTQA programming.

Pace has introduced City Saturdays – have the students use Metro North and subway; trips are based around justice (immigration in NY; tenement museum).

There are tailgates in residence halls to support athletics events.

#### **Guest speaker: Caity Kirschbaum, Coordinator, SDCA**

Maria Fareri Children’s Hospital cares for 20,000 patients each year and is specifically designed for pediatric care.

They take a holistic view and believe that family-centered care helps the healing process. The chances for success double.

Pace for Kids (P4K) is a 12-hour dance marathon on November 22 from 6p.m. – 6a.m. The goal is to raise \$20K; they are almost at \$4K.

They will be collecting food donations for the marathon participants so that all funds raised can go directly to Maria Fareri.

Also, SDCA is partnering with Maria Fareri for a holiday toy drive which will culminate at the party on Dec 6 (3-6p.m.).

Requested items to donate include:

Batteries

Wrapping paper

Smaller gifts (the children open a mass present and share)

Remember that there are older children/teens as well

New Business:

Congratulations were offered to Alumni Relations re: 50 Years, 50 Faces.

Dyson is holding a Student-Run Film Festival in PLV on December 7.

Attendees voted to partner with SDCA on the toy drive for Maria Fareri Children’s Hospital.

There was a ribbon-cutting on Oct 28 for the new 608-bed residence hall in NYC at 182 Broadway.

The awards nomination database is open through December 31. First 50 people who nominate go into a drawing for a

Kindle Fire.

The next meeting is Friday, December 6.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:08AM.

Respectfully submitted by Michele Camardella.

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