Staff Meeting
Minutes from January 15, 2003
7pm – Donovan Room

I. Roll Call
Mike Cooper, Nikkie DeSimone, Chris Zegar, Steve Cuppett, Olney Pray, Anthony Bizzaro, Crystal Saverioni, Ryan Melling, Brett Kluskiewicz, Tara Minchin, Brian Marko, Kevin D'Ausilio, Drew Lavenberg, Joe Curigliano, Thom Slaski, Liz Eisenhart, Vera Spina, Lauren Cycak, John Dingfelder

II. Approval of December 4, 2002
   a. Motion to approve by John and seconded by Tara

III. THON - Tara
   a. THON Kickoff Dinner – tickets on sale two days ago, $35/piece, sign up downstairs near the elevator, more details ask Nikkie or Tara
   b. Penny Wars – Executive Committee $24.90
      Caucus $5.11
      Departments $2.28
      Committees $-6.39
   c. Retreat – Saturday and Sunday, set up at 12pm
      i. Usually the communications committee cooks dinner
      ii. Donate $1 to cover the cost of the retreat, give to Thom
   d. Official Dancers – Lauren, Olney, Matt, and Thom

IV. Welcome Ryan ☺
   a. Introduction of staff members
   b. Need someone to help Ryan set up the Angel Page

V. Goal Setting Session
   a. Strengths and Weaknesses of Central Staff
   b. Reminders – Elections are coming up, we are not done when they are elected, we are still in office until the last day of classes, if people are slacking you will be removed from staff, after the last council meeting – we still are not finished

Things We Do Well…

1. Angel Usage (good idea ☺)

2. Councillor
3. Staff Friendliness and Camaraderie
4. Council Meetings run more smoothly, improvement from last year
5. Staff Activities - Can we excel at these things even more? Are they good goals to try to continue with this semester? Must maintain camaraderie and staff friendships, must continue to get better, time based - if they are good now they will only get better, a lot of these goals are goals to continue next year, keep doing fun activities, play some more games (Broomball and out of office activities)

Things We Need To Work On…

How can we get Council more involved in CCSG? We have to market CCSG to Council, should ask Council why they come to meetings and what our purpose is? Ask the people who don't bring a lot of people, why they are here? Ask DSA's why they don't want CCSG around?

1. Direction of CCSG?
2. Un-professionalism
3. Communication
4. Less talk more action
5. Stress management (healthy)
6. Don't make fun of each other

Need to show what we can do for Council; we need to know what we can do for Council and where we are going,

What is CCSG to us, what's our purpose? To facilitate goals on the campuses and be a voice for them at University Park, we need to believe in CCSG, we are suppose to inspire and for our energy, must be enthusiastic, be excited about being on Staff members, ask people their definitions of CCSG, get the vision together, pressure people to bring ideas up during Caucus meetings, must make more people knowledgeable about CCSG, direction of CCSG must be talked about around Council

We are taking the blame too much, should push off to more campuses, ask them why they are in CCSG, must be addressed at

Council, on next week's agenda (idea, maybe have Caucus meeting before the speakers), need to look at what we do and why we do it, the progress we have made is not good enough, can always improve, have to come up with new ideas, focus on setting and maintaining goals, must back each other up and know what the purpose is, are we serving Council or is Council serving us, should put a counter on the OAG, campuses dropping out – Talk to Tara, THON is a microcosm of a bigger thing, think they can do it better than us, must talk to Council and find out what they need and want – what we are doing isn't working and what we can do to fix it, should change cheer at the beginning to not say Whoa CCSG (implying that Central Staff is CCSG), we are basically the President's support network at the Campuses, we talk to the powers that be at University Park, this is the best time for us, have to hear nitty gritty issues from Campuses

Homework Assignment from the Chief of Staff
Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. What do we do as CCSG, caucus director, committee director, department and central staff?
2. How do you best tackle this conversation in front of Council?
3. What do you think campuses want from CCSG?
4. How do you get Council to feel and understand the importance of getting together and networking this year and years to come?

Please do this within Central Staff for right now until we get on the same page. We will discuss the answers at the next meeting.

This was the most important meeting that we have had. We are a team until the very end, even though we may disagree; we need to support each other until the very end. I hope you will take into consideration what we talked about tonight.

Council is three weeks away. Let's get ready.

VI. Announcements
VII. Adjournment

Submitted by Olney Pray ☺