Our Vision

Serve the common good of all UC Denver staff, communicate with a credible voice and council visibility; advocate to promote an inclusive, transparent environment, and engage staff at all levels of the university community. Staff Council shall promote unity, cooperation, and loyalty among all employees of the University of Colorado Denver.

Meeting called to order by: Deserae Frisk at 1:03 pm.

Member Attendees: Kevin Jackson, Deborah Makray, Phil Petty, Joseph Martinez, Bev Roush, Deserae Frisk, Maureen Christensen, Magan Kotecha, Tammy Southern, Everlyn Sandoval, Velma Parker, Michelle Medal and Veronica Paradise.

Agenda Review: Joseph Martinez moved and it was seconded by Tammy Southern to accept the agenda.

Meeting minutes from previous month: Joseph Martinez moved and it was seconded by Tammy Southern to accept the minutes from the September 2012 meeting.

Treasurers Report: As of 9/30/12 the ending balance was $18,007. Deserae presented an overview of our upcoming expenses and what had already hit the books. Deserae and Everlyn will be working on a budget and has recommended that all attend the October & December events.

UCSC Retreat: All campus are focusing on Professional Development and are completing surveys to see what the staff is feeling. The survey gives away to show the governance bodies what the staff wants. Conversations are still going on about one-time pay for staff. University waiting to see what the state is planning. There was also a discussion about the classified staff converting to exempt professional. There is a move towards more exempt. DPA site has information on what positions are eligible to be exempt. Lots of questions arose about the topic and it was agreed that it would be a good idea to have Kevin Jacobs or another HR representative to do an open forum.

There was also a discussion about flu shots being covered by insurance and about the Health & Wellness “free” tests.

Large Group Discussion: Be thinking of questions you want have on the survey that is going to be sent out to the staff. Questions can include Professional Development and skill soft training. We also discussed having a group portrait of the current members and/or individuals for the website. Deserae would also like to have an events page with photos from each event on the new website.

Committee Planning Discussion:

- Communications: A plan has been made of when and who will send out communications from Council to the staff. Jennifer Smith will be the main contact and Michelle will be the backup.
They also discussed newsletter topics and will focus on topics of interest to the staff. The Executive members need to send a bio to Jennifer for the Staff Council highlight.

- **Service:** We will be adopting Jewell Elementary for the Adopt-a-school program. We will also be partnering with EPA for the project. We will kick off the project at the Halloween event with a food drive and commence at the AMC event on 12/4/12.

- **Appreciation:** The Halloween event is going to be moved to LSC to allow easy access for the AMC folks who might be riding the shuttle. A revised invitation will be sent out. Deserae will set up entertainment.

**Community Garden:** The council voted to accept the proposal to the community garden.

**Next meeting:** The next meeting will be November 13, 2012 at the DC location

**Meeting adjourned at 2:57 pm.** It was moved by Kevin Jackson and seconded by Maureen Christensen that the meeting be adjourned.