

Alexandria Campus Forum Council  
Minutes – Sept. 20, 2019

Vanessa Díaz called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm. She welcomed the group and we introduced ourselves.

Members attending: Annette Haggray, Vanessa Díaz, Twyla Jones, Ivy Beringer, Maggie Emblom-Callahan, Nakul Kumar, Beth Lanthier, Marilyn Odaka, Stacy Slaten

We discussed remaining items from last year. Dr. Haggray suggested that we find ways to highlight and recognize faculty, staff, and students throughout the year.

Senate updates: The members of college Senate updated the Council on votes and discussions from the prior day's Senate meeting.

Items for Councils to do:

- Determine two or three areas of morale that the College should address. This is in response to the results from the "Best Colleges to Work For" study, in which NOVA's results were poor across many categories. Vanessa will create a form for the campus and send it, allowing the campus members to provide feedback.
- Respond to the feedback form about the window coverings policy.
- Encourage campus attendance at any Presidential search activity (presentations, receptions, etc.) and completion of the surveys from OIR. Vanessa and Beth will be on Panel B, which meets with each candidate.

Vanessa created a shared Google drive for documents related to our work this year.

Topics for consideration by Council:

- Food pantry. Has the name been changed college-wide to Bird's Nest? Who is running/maintaining this? Where is the physical space that works best? The Council will invite Sherri Anna Brown to meet with us to discuss.

Suggestions for the food pantry to consider:

- ✓ Provide the campus members with a list of specific items that we can donate.  
What works?
  - ✓ Form partnerships with local grocery stores, which might be able to provide items at low or no cost.
  - ✓ Partner with ALIVE.
- HR processes. People have concerns about getting things with HR finished efficiently.
  - IT decisions. We need better communication with the campus IT office. They update computers and software with no input from faculty/staff. These updates can have huge impacts on our work.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Lanthier