

Staff Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2026

CC317

In attendance: Sufana Chowdhury, Kelly Wright, Michelle Thompson (virtual), Linda Lees, Beth Ryan, Lora Barkley

Discussion - Kelly attended the Cabinet meeting and received more information on the Feb. 12 State of the College lunch event. Attendees will pull a number upon arrival that will direct them to a table. After lunch there will be reports on the annual fund, enrollment and retention. Following reports, each table will be asked to comment on a prompt which may be some version of "What Does Allegheny Mean to You? ASG also reported to Cabinet that they have spent approx \$7,000 so far this year and plans for the balance of approximately \$8,000. ASG has funded an outdoor learning area behind Pelletier Library.

Gator Gatherings - The next Gator Gathering will be on Feb. 17, 3-5 pm in the Doan Art Gallery. President Cole has requested that dates be set for monthly Gator Gatherings for this and the next academic year by the end of the semester. Currently two locations have requested to host Gator Gatherings, tentatively Pelletier Library in March and the Odd Fellows in April. Final details to be announced.

Workshops - Turnout for the first workshop with Chris Allison was low, so there was discussion about improving attendance. Sufana will design a poll that Kelly will send out in order to learn more about staff interests and timing for events. The next workshop will be in March with Professor Alexa Hart, Sufana will create a second form, to be used as a RSVP in order to determine how much food should be ordered.

SAC Board Elections and Membership - Kelly will prepare a ballot to elect a new Chair and Treasurer. SAC needs to build the membership of active members to ensure that hourly employees in all areas of the campus have a voice.

Gratitude List - This past month the challenge of water main break on Highland Avenue in sub-zero weather resulted in quick action and tireless resolve on the part of Physical Plant, Public Safety, Building Coordinators, Parkhurst and St. Moritz, all of whom met the moment with alacrity and grace - keeping everyone safe and cared for in many ways we may never know or truly appreciate. Truly everyone went above and beyond to get the campus back online with a minimum of disruption. A Herculean effort.

The SAC Committee unanimously voted to show our gratitude by sending thank you notes - Beth will purchase thank you cards - and the committee tentatively decided, among several options, to send "thank you pizzas" along with the cards.

Our next meeting will be on March 4, 12:00 pm in CC206 unless otherwise notified.

Respectfully submitted,

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SAC Committees:

Finance and Faculties (administrators and staff, 4 year staggered)

Beth Ryan (2025-2029)

Sufana Chowdbury (2024-2028)

CoDE Committee - Council on Diversity and Inclusion

Lora Barkley

Student Enrichment Committee

Sufana Chowdhury

SAC Committee Roles

SAC Chair - Kelly Wright

SAC Co-Chair - Ebony Benge

Treasurer - Michelle Thompson

Secretary - Beth Ryan

Sub Committees

Activities - Ebony, Michele

Outreach - Beth, Lora

By-Laws - Sufana

Advancing Allegheny Committee

Kelly Wright