



University Staff Council November 2013 Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Annette Kane, Katie Morris, Allison Venella, Gayle Doyle, Rita DiAntonio, Linda Hauck, Albert Baladez, Megan Jacobs, Julie Helverson, Emily Walsh, Chrissy Quisenberry, Jen Whinney, Matt Gwin, JJ Brown, Susan Markert, Fr. Joseph Calderone, Guest: Kiera Daly (Media Relations)

Meeting Minutes

Welcome & Reflection/General Housekeeping – Allison Venella/Katie Morris

- Katie Morris led the November reflection through prayer
- Allison introduced Cathleen Parsons-Nikolic, Associate Vice-President for Development Operations & Heather Potts Brown, Executive Director of Annual Giving to present on For the Greater Great – the Villanova Campaign to Ignite Change on behalf of University Advancement

Upcoming Reflection Leaders

January 2014	Albert Baladez
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Monthly Presentation – Cathleen Parsons-Nikolic, Associate Vice-President for Development Operations & Heather Potts Brown, Executive Director of Annual Giving (University Advancement)

Cathleen and Heather gave an incredibly detailed presentation on all things [For the Greater Great – the Villanova Campaign to Ignite Change](#) and shared details about how this Comprehensive Campaign represents an exciting milestone for the University. Please take a few minutes to catch the heart thumping [Campaign hype video!](#)

Presentation Talking Points Included:

- A background on University Advancement
- Who Villanova reaches out to for support
- Why this Campaign is considered a Comprehensive Campaign
- The different areas and projects this \$600 million dollar Campaign supports
 - Endowment: \$250 million
 - Facilities: \$150 million
 - Academic and Programmatic Initiatives: \$125 million
 - Annual Fund: \$75 million
- How our donors are making multi-year commitments to the Campaign

WE AS STAFF CAN MAKE A BIG IMPACT: Help us share details about the Campaign and why it is so important to our students and Villanova's future. [Click here](#) to join fellow Staff and Faculty in making a gift before the end of the calendar year in support of Villanova and our ambitious Campaign! If you would like to learn more about making a gift through payroll deduction contact [Matt Gwin](#) at 610-519-8340.

Area Announcements:

Allison Venella – Athletics & USC President Updates

- Villanova had a VERY SUCCESSFUL Beat Week & Battle 4 Atlantis!
- Fr. Peter has put together a Presidential Task Force to look at the questions surrounding Villanova Public Safety, specifically in considering transitioning to a full service law enforcement agency that is sworn and/or armed. [Please click here](#) to read Fr. Peter's remarks and view fellow Villanovan's assigned to the Presidential Task Force.

Chrissy Quisenberry – Presidential Appointee

This fall, I have been working with our Phi Sigma Kappa Fraternity to establish a **Billy Zimmermann Scholarship Fund** at Villanova to remember Billy- a sophomore student that passed away last spring while on break in Mexico. The chapter has decided to create an endowed scholarship – with the lofty goal of raising \$100,000. I am so proud of the work that they are doing and in just under a month of fundraising, they have already raised close to \$20,000. We are excited by this- but also know we have a lot of work ahead of us to raise the funds needed.

To support this effort visit Villanova's [online giving website](#) and designate your gift today.

JJ Brown – Student Life

- Understanding and Supporting University Students with Bipolar Disorder. 4pm Monday, November 25 Driscoll Auditorium. Patricia B. and Gary M. Halloway Lecture Series. Lecutre by Russ Federman, Ph.D., ABPP. Psychologist in Private Practice, Charlottesville, Virginia. Formerly Director of Psychological Services, University of Virginia Coauthor: Facing Bipolar, The Young Adult's Guide to Dealing with Bipolar Disorder.
- Christmas Time in NYC Bus Trip. Nothing beats Christmas time in New York City! Ride the CAT bus to NYC for only \$20 round trip on Saturday, December 7. Buses depart from Pike lot at 9:00am and depart from New York City at 7:00pm. Make your own itinerary...show, site see, eat, catch a show, all of the above? It's up to you! Tickets can be purchased with credit card online at [Villanovatix.com](#) or in 108 Dougherty with Cash or Wildcard during regular business hours. For more information contact the Campus Activities Office at 610-519-7211 or email cat@villanova.edu. Tickets are first come, first serve basis! Students - limited 2 and Faculty / Staff - Limit 3.

Campus Ministry – Fr. Joseph Calderone

Music Activities invites you to join us for one or more family-friendly concerts this Christmas Season. This is a great opportunity to bring your family to hear live music played or sung by our talented Villanova students. All performances are in St. Mary's Chapel, and admission is free.

- 7:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 6: **Gospel Choir** Christmas Service, directed by Ruth Winslow
- 2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 7: Voices and Singers Christmas Concert, featuring Christmas portions of **Handel's Messiah**, with chamber ensemble, directed by Tim Evers and Christine Nass
- 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 8: The Villanova **Band** in concert with holiday favorites, directed by George Pinchock and John Dunphy
- 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 10: **Orchestra and Jazz Band** joint Christmas Concert, directed by Bill Whitaker

Linda Hauck – Falvey Library

Check out a great article on Villanova's 17th century Italian masterpiece and its conservation project taking place in Falvey Memorial Library:

http://www.philly.com/philly/education/20131111_Masterpiece_to_get_a_makeover_at_Villanova.html

Matt Gwin – University Advancement

You're Invited: Greater Philadelphia Alumni Chapter and Alumni Association Family Holiday Celebration

The Greater Philadelphia Alumni Chapter invites you to join them on Sunday, December 15 (11am – 1pm) in Garey Hall, Special Events Room, for a family Christmas party, including lunch, a visit with Santa, and crafts and activities for kids. Children will be able to write a letter to Santa and bring a treat home with them. Families are encouraged to bring a small toy, gift or book to donate to Cradles to Crayons. Cost is \$20 per family. [Click here to register!](#)

Please take a few moments to visit www.forthegreatergreat.com and see how our Villanova Community is making an impact and changing lives!

Committee Reports:

Staff Development Committee – Megan Jacobs

USC Staff Development Week

The busy festive season is already upon us, and at this time of year, it can be difficult to focus on ourselves. The University Staff Council is excited to announce December 2-6 as Staff Development Week, offering opportunities for Villanova University employees to take time out to build on their skills and competencies. Consider joining one of the following three events: Getting Your Message Across Assertively on 12/3, The Basics of Collaborative Problem Solving on 12/4, and Managing your Work Style to Reduce Stress on 12/5. All three workshops will take place from 11 a.m.–12 p.m. in Bartley 1011. Take advantage of this fantastic opportunity for personal growth and continuous learning by clicking on Upcoming Events on the right side of the HR webpage at www.hr.villanova.edu. Details can also be found on the USC website. Registration is required and each workshop is limited to 30 participants.

For additional information: <http://www.hr.villanova.edu>

If you have questions, please contact: Mjacobs@law.villanova.edu

Suggestion Committee update – Susan Scollon

Human Resources and the Suggestions Committee received a request for a support group for widows and widowers. There is this type of counseling offered through [Lifeworks](#) but there could be opportunities to form a group if there is enough interest.

Community Committee - Katie Morris

Bread and Soup Luncheon: 11/21/13 from 11:30am-1:30pm in East Lounge at Dougherty

We will enjoy a lunch of bread and soup then assist students in packaging 10,000 dry food meals to be sent to CRS for distribution. Lunch served 11:30-1:30 and you can give as much time as you would like in helping them to put meal packages together. Or, you can come for lunch and just cheer the students on. ONLY CASH DONATIONS will be accepted this year to be used to pay cost of shipping. To volunteer to serve soup, contact Marykay Klara via email.

President & USC Staff Midnight Shift Recognition: 12/10/13 from 6:00am-7:30am in Dougherty Hall

The Annual Midnight Shift Recognition is held for those whose work hours do not allow them to attend the Christmas Social.

President & USC Staff Christmas Social: 12/10/13 from 2:30pm-5:30pm Villanova Room at the Connelly Center

Please join us for the Annual Christmas Social! Once again, the University is offering a small Christmas gift in appreciation for the work that you, the staff, do throughout the year. Please remember to bring your invitation postcard with you!

Recycled Ornament Contest

Design an ornament for the fourth annual recycled Christmas tree ornament contest! Remember that only recycled or natural products can be used. Ornaments can be dropped off at the Connelly Center Information Desk until Dec. 10. All ornaments will be displayed on the Christmas tree at the 2013 President and USC Staff Christmas Social. The ornament should be normal tree size with your name, department and extension securely fastened. First, second and third prize winners will be announced at the Christmas Social.

Toys for Tots

Villanova will again be partnering with Toys for Tots. Unwrapped new toys as well as cash donations will be accepted.

Father Peter's Address and Presentation of the Facultas Award- 3:30

The Facultas Award is designed to acknowledge and honor the contributions of staff members of the Villanova community, who work at the University level; to focus attention on the vital, yet often unnoticed, services essential to the smooth and efficient functioning of the Villanova community, especially the academic faculty; to recognize persons who would not otherwise be recognized by other University mechanisms; and to reinforce among faculty the importance and diversity of staff support work in all areas of the University.

Villagnome

The Villagnome will return to a staff member near you in 2014!

**USC January Meeting:
Falvey Memorial Library, Room 205
Monday, January 27th
2:00pm – 3:30pm**