



**University Staff Council
February 2014 Meeting Minutes**

In Attendance: Lindsay Kriegel filling in for Jen Whinney VSB, Annette Kane, Katie Morris, Allison Venella, Gayle Doyle, Kimberly Reilly, Susan Markert, Rita DiAntonio, Linda Hauck, Albert Baladez, Matt Gwin, Megan Jacobs, Fr. Joe Calderone, Emily Walsh, Jen Whinney, JJ Brown, Alice Faraone

Meeting Minutes

Welcome & Reflection/General Housekeeping – Allison Venella/Annette Kane

- Annette shared William Arthur Ward's, [*It's A Most Unusual Day*](#)
- Dr. Adele Lindenmeyr hosted a meeting on the state of the University Senate looking for feedback (Allison Venella)
 - Her Committee's recommendation is to present three options to move forward with by April 2014. Another forum was held 2/27/14
- North Light Community Center College Day (Allison Venella)
 - Opportunity for high school aged students to spend a half day in a class and half day in a job shadow program with Villanova employees
 - April 14th job shadow responsibility lasts about 90 minutes
- April USC meeting will be in the Law School in the Ceremonial Court Room (room 201), April 28th

Upcoming Reflection Leaders

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| March 2014 | Susan Markert |
| April 2014 | Emily Walsh |
| May 2014 | TBD |
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Monthly Presentation – Dr. James Trainer and Stephen Merritt: Villanova's potential move from a Masters Level to a Doctoral Level Institution

Dr. James Trainer and Stephen Merritt presented on Villanova's likely move from a regional master's level university to a national doctoral university. Dr. Trainer focused on the different steps, including graduating 20 or more PhDs per year, that leads to a change in classification. The Carnegie Foundation is responsible for making this determination and it is expected that Villanova will be reevaluated in 2015 or 2016.

This distinction will put Villanova among other leading doctoral Catholic institutions such as Fordham University and Boston College. The expectation is that Villanova will have a very strong showing in this category. The University will be prepared if Carnegie bestows this distinction.

Stephen Merritt stressed that this will create many opportunities for students, including the opportunity to engage with research more frequently at the undergraduate level. Class sizes and teaching methods should not be affected and this distinction will increase Villanova's already high caliber student population.

Area Announcements:

JJ Brown – Student Life

- Residence Life:
 - Wrapping up our RA selection process for the 2014-2015 academic year. This will be a competitive year with 170 applicants vying for 45 open positions.
 - Marketing and recruiting our RA Mentor Program, so if you know any students who are interested in being an RA in the future but don't feel quite ready yet please refer them to the RA Mentor Program.
 - The rising sophomore housing selection process is about to begin. This will include a new element – the Choice House – Choosing Healthy options in Community Environment. This is a pilot program to be housed in Simpson Hall as a healthy living/ substance free housing option for upperclassmen.

- Sophomore Experience: Inaugural Year for this committee and we are still welcoming insights and partners as we learn more about the sophomore student experience. If anyone has any valuable thoughts, insights. Probing questions we would welcome the ideas and please email Sarah Piff (sarah.piff@villanova.edu). Additionally the Sophomore Experience is planning a “Halfway There” Event which will be our culminating event for the sophomore students. It's scheduled for April 25th – our hope is to solicit student memories on video that could be used again during at a senior year event. We're still looking for collaborators and partners to help make this vision a success.

- VU Seniors
 - Senior Night is this Wednesday at 6:00pm in the Davis Center.
 - Senior Week Tickets go on sale starting Friday, February 28.

- Health Promotion is currently recruiting for its 2014-15 internship positions. Attached is an application, if there is a venue for you to share it. The internships are 3-credit, year-long experiences in the following areas: event management, publications (writing the Stall Street Journal), nutrition and fitness, and marketing and social media outreach. All applications are due March 24, 2014. Email Stacy Andes (stacy.andes@villanova.edu) for an application.

- FAST (Fun and Sober Times) has re-imaged itself and we have just appointed a board of student leaders who will begin rebranding and programming after spring break. This group is aimed at engaging non-drinkers and students who simply are looking for an alternative to events involving alcohol. Their goal will be to provide consistent social opportunities from Thursday-Sunday every weekend of the semester both on and off-campus through formal programs and events and informal social networking opportunities.

Matt Gwin – University Advancement

[For the Greater Great – The Campaign to Ignite Change](#) regional launches have been a great success! Mark your calendars for May 3rd when the Regional Launches conclude in Philadelphia!

Campus Ministry - Fr. Joe

Keep an eye out for the Ash Wednesday schedule, especially with students away on Spring Break

Conference Service - Susan Scollon

Conference Services is hiring college aged students for Conference Services summer work. Applicants must have one year's worth of experience living on a campus. They do not have to be Villanova students.

Falvey Library – Linda Hauck

Visit <http://library.villanova.edu/> to view the exciting events featured in Falvey! A search for the new Director of Falvey is making great progress.

Human Resources – Albert Baladez

Do not forget that it is performance appraisal time. Please visit <http://www1.villanova.edu/villanova/hr.html> to find out more about the process!

A new Employee Assistance Program starts March 1st and will be rolled out to the entire staff.

UNIT – Alice Faraone

[The spring 2014 Unit Progress Report can be found here!](#)

Villagnome

Congratulations to the two time Villagnome winning Facilities Management Staff for keeping us safe during another snowy frigid month!

**USC March Meeting:
Dougherty Hall, West Lounge
Monday, March 24th
2:00pm – 3:30pm**