

General Staff Meeting
Chan Shun Hall, Room 108
March 21, 2012

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The meeting was called to order at 4 p.m. by Dan Agnetta.

Patrick Knighton had the devotion. He began by questioning the existence of God. How can we believe that he is real? He pointed out that it is not enough to just awaken each morning but the majestic God gives us the awareness that we are alive. With that in mind we are to understand that God will take care of all of our issues. No matter how they turn out, God is in the midst and all will be for his glory. He related a personal story regarding his senior year of high school—how God allowed him to become class president but then in the end when his graduation was on Saturday he chose to stand for God. Initially things looked bleak but in the end not only was he able to testify of God’s love and his beliefs, but there was news to be made in his area, his local high school no longer holds graduations on Saturday. He closed with Matthew 28:18 and Romans 8:28. “We are here to point others to Christ and heaven. So even if things don’t turn out as planned we are to stand for Christ.”

Knighton

Silmara Ferreira talked about the power of encouragement. “Be the change you want to see in the world.”
Mahatma Gandhi.

Silmara shared a study that had been done to see how long people could torture themselves by standing in a bucket of ice-cold water. What the study found was that if a person was cheered, they withstood the pain longer than those who weren’t cheered. It was also noted that by giving encouragement to others, you give a person a boost of courage to keep on going. We were challenged to encourage those around us on a daily basis not to just build morale within the office but to realize the impact we have on others as well. We can be that change of positive words in our lives. She also gave us four points of why we need to encourage others:

- Encouragement makes people better
- Encouragement gives hope
- Encouragement turns life around. She shared a powerful story of a girl named Elizabeth—coming from a home with drug-addicted parents and being homeless—to attending Harvard.
- Encouragement makes a difference—Thessalonians 5:11, Ephesians 4:29

Keith Mattingly spoke about the restructuring of the College of Arts & Sciences. It will give up six departments: five to the School of Health Professions and one to the School of Architecture, Art & Design. However, it has added the Department of Engineering & Computer Science, which is closely aligned with the natural sciences and is expected to grow into a leading program. Moreover, the College of Arts & Sciences has become the new home for the master’s in international development with 300–400 students, mostly off-campus. The College of Arts & Sciences will also continue to provide most of the courses in general studies and honors.

The meeting ended before there was time for a question and answer session. Dan Agnetta let us know that we would have to come back to the next staff meeting to hear updates relating to Audrey Castelbuono as it relates to the Office of Development.

Meeting ended at 4:57 pm.

Dan Agnetta, Moderator
Inez Reyes, Recording Secretary

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ORDER
WORDS OF
ENCOURAGEMENT

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CAMPUS UPDATE

QUESTION AND
ANSWER

ADJOURNMENT