

# General Staff Meeting

Chan Shun Hall, Room 108  
Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2008

No. 26

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. by Steve Yeagley.

CALLED TO ORDER

June Madrigal, associate dean of women, gave the devotional thought. She told of her experience as a child of gathering eggs and discovering a snake in the doorway with a bulge in it. She decided to retrieve the egg from a snake by killing it with a hoe. The egg, in the dead snake, turned out to be a golf ball that her grandfather had put in the nest for such creatures as the snake. Just as her grandfather had a protection plan for his eggs, God has a protection plan for each of us. John 3:16 assures us of this plan.

WORDS OF  
ENCOURAGEMENT

June Madrigal

PRAYER

Marvin Budd gave a senate update. There will be a senate meeting later tonight. Senate minutes, agendas and a list of meeting dates are on the Andrews University website. Some of the topics that Senate has discussed are blizzard policy and crisis management policy. Marvin encouraged us to check out the Senate website and look at the minutes. Erin Shin will be replacing Pierre Quinn on the Senate.

SENATE UPDATE

Provost Heather Knight gave a short overview of what is taking place on campus. Many of the physical improvements we have seen, but there are some we may not be aware of. Here are just a few:

CAMPUS ISSUES – Be  
Proud of AU

- New entrance, giving us visual presence in the community.
- New cafeteria, making dining a pleasure. Thanks to Mr. Chilson for all he has done in the remodeling of the cafeteria. Melinda Smith will begin training under Mr. Chilson starting in January and will be taking over in August when he retires.
- The Office of Student Financial Services and second floor lobbies were updated with carpet and furniture as this is one of the first stops for new students.
- New lab for the Department of Physical Therapy
- New addition to the architecture building.
- Renovation of laboratory and learning spaces in the Department of Engineering & Computer Science.
- Six new “smart classrooms” in Nethery Hall.
- The nutrition lab on the top floor of Marsh Hall has been remodeled. The office and lobby area have also gotten a new look. This is where Alice William’s office is located. Alice is in charge of University Assessment.
- The lobby in Meier Hall was remodeled.
- Lamson Hall has three new bathrooms.
- Guest rooms in the Campus Center are being remodeled.
- The Administration Building parking lot has a new look.
- Removal of the ground covering at the Administration building.
- New planters around campus.

All these improvements are happening to keep us moving toward our goal of going from being good to great. If your area hasn’t seem improvement yet just wait, it will be coming.

Academically we are exceeding as well.

- The Engineering Department received ABET accreditation two years ahead of schedule!
- We had the only student team to receive the Urban Design in Architecture Award from the National Professional Organization in Architecture. Architecture student Monique Reid won the first place AARP Award for her design of a “Transitional House for Aging Persons”. Professor Rhonda Root received a prestigious National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) grant. The School of Architecture is experiencing rapid growth.
- The School of Business Administration is proud of their alumnus and former professor, Dr. Gary Hamel, who was listed #1 strategy guru and influential business thinker in the

world by the *Wall Street Journal* (Tom Friedman, columnist, *New York Times*, and Bill Gates, chairman, Microsoft, were designated #2 and #3). The Hasso Endowed Chair for Business Ethics (Dr. Ann Gibson) and Colson Endowed Chair for Marketing (Dr. Bruce Wrenn) help to develop a premiere faculty. SBA students scored at the 75th percentile on the ETS Business Test.

- The Department of Teaching, Learning & Curriculum received a perfect score of 70 out of 70, and is ranked the top Teacher Education Program in the state of Michigan.
- The Department of Educational Counseling & Psychology was awarded a five-year accreditation by the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP).
- The Biblical archaeology program in the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary is the top program of its kind in the world. We have the 12th largest seminary in North America, with approximately 1100 students.
- A number of prestigious grants were awarded to CAS faculty.
- The Department of Nutrition & Wellness received accreditation renewal.
- There was a 100% pass rate on nursing boards for Department of Nursing students.
- The Department of Biology sent the highest number of students from any school on to Loma Linda University's School of Medicine.
- Biology graduates score at or above the 90th percentile on the major field test in biology.
- Andrews University received NCA accreditation for its two online programs (MS in Nursing Education and PhD in Educational Administration).

David Jardine, director of the Office of Social Recreation & Athletics, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the different activities that his area is responsible for. Shelly Erhard is assisting him as coordinator for the Social Recreation events that take place on Saturday evenings. Activities include All Fired Up—welcoming new students, Labor Day Blast, Cedar Point Trip, Almost Anything Goes, AUSA Barn Party, AU's Got Talent, Steamboat ski trip, Splash for Cash, Cozumel scuba trip, intramural sports and intercollegiate athletics, to name a few.

SOCIAL RECREATION  
PowerPoint Presentation

A handout explaining the "Holiday Business/Closing Hours 2008" was given out by Steve Yeagley.

EMPLOYEE  
DEVELOPMENT –  
Holiday Schedule

Barb Friesen presented the award for the employee of the month to Ruth Ann Snow from Dining Services. Ruth Ann's service goes beyond the Dining Services area. She is responsible for setting up for different special events, preparing the serving tables and areas beforehand and keeping items restocked during the event. Ruth Ann's quiet, friendly way of greeting people is an extra service that she gives. Thank you, Ruth Ann, for your excellent service.

STAFF EMPLOYEE OF  
THE MONTH

We have tried to honor our second employee of the month for the last two month, but he was unable to attend our meetings. Paul Elder presented the second award, which is to Dick Scott, Director of Plant Administration. Dick is the man who responsible for seeing that all the building and revocation projects gets done. We want to thank Dick for the great job he is doing.

The meeting ended at 4:55 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Steve Yeagley, moderator  
Judith Nelson, recording secretary