

University Advocacy Committee Report – September 2015

Attendees: Jami Warrick, Nicole DuFour, Phil Jacobs, Connie Huizenga, Susan Frei (via Google Hangout)

The Advocacy Committee met September 9, 2015. Discussion topics included the following:

Staff Mentoring Survey and suggestions for moving ahead: It was suggested that Human Resources be involved in any initiative to encourage a mentoring program, either formal or informal. This initiative could be facilitated through supervisor buy-in, training, as part of onboarding or orientation, etc. It was also suggested that the mentoring could be inter- or intra-departmental, encouraging networking, improving morale, and social/work support.

Staff Tours and/or Brown Bag Lunch series: would it be possible to once again conduct tours of campus facilities or host brown bag lunch seminars for staff members?

Healthyroads: is it possible that the program could partner with the SRC for staff support through classes? Are there opportunities for workplace wellness events?

Volunteer Day: Proposal was approved 8/19/15. Was a committee formed to discuss details of implementation?

Survey for staff regarding focus items for Advocacy