

Welfare Committee Meeting

2/22/18 1:00 PM

Attendance: Brooke Bentley (co-chair), Erin Eliassen, Sarah Pitt (Human Resources), Tracy Spigelman (executive committee), Steve Szabo, Ralph Turner (co-chair)

**Building/Working conditions on campus**

Steve Szabo expressed concerns about working conditions in the Wallace building noting extremes in office temperatures along with other physical needs of the building. Committee members reported similar conditions in faculty offices. Recent work orders submitted for the Wallace building have resulted in some heating improvements. The committee discussed whether a protocol was in place for centralized reporting of maintenance needs with the transition to Aramark. The “Footprints” software was mentioned and Sarah Pitt volunteered to inquire about the current system in place for submitting work orders.

**Discussion of faculty/staff exercise facility**

Sarah Pitt provided an update on the availability of space for a faculty/staff exercise facility. Approval has been received to move forward with constructing a partition for the space. Concern was expressed about the safety of the equipment. Tracy Spigelman volunteered to inspect the equipment. Tracy and Sarah will be coordinating a time to accomplish this task. Following the meeting Ralph, Steve, and Tracy planned to visually assess the space available.

**Benefits update**

University Benefits committee has not met this semester. Brooke Bentley volunteered as the Welfare Committee Representative to attend the meetings during the spring and summer terms.

Sarah Pitt stated plans are being made within human resources to offer support/assistance related to benefits, COBRA Insurance, EAP extensions and related topics to staff/faculty impacted by budget-related position cuts.

Meeting Adjourned.

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Next meeting dates

March 22 1:00PM Keene Johnson

April 26 1:00PM Keene Johnson