

Welcome to **SACTIVITIES**, the quarterly newsletter for the CWRU Staff Advisory Council (SAC)! Here you can learn about ongoing projects and initiatives of the Council, and find out how you can get involved.

Committee Spotlight: Communications



The Communications Committee serves as a vehicle for communication between the University community and the Council by providing a means for staff to express concerns, ideas and interests to the appropriate University body. The committee strives to keep the Council constituency informed of Council and University activities and issues. The objectives of this committee are to:

- Keep the University community informed of Council activities through multiple forms of media (i.e., Internet, email, postings, and campus news outlets).
- Maintain open lines of communications with all stakeholders (i.e., University Administration, students, and faculty).
- Partner with other SAC committees to publish in Case Daily to inform the university community of our activities, goals and objectives, and how we contribute to university policy and culture as representatives of the staff of CWRU.
- Assist other SAC committees in achieving their goals and objectives through communication.
- Offer training and feedback for Council representatives in their communication efforts with their constituencies.

If you have questions or comments for the Communications Committee, please use our SAC Feedback Form to contact us, or reach out to one of our committee members directly.

We hold teleconferences from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm on the first Thursday of each month. If you are interested in this committee, you do not have to be a member of SAC to serve. Please call at 216-368-2079 to connect.

SAC Recap

SAC holds six Council meetings per year, which are open to both elected and non-elected members. A typical meeting includes the call to order, minutes approval, special reports from campus officials, general announcements, committee reports, a review of unfinished business, a discussion of new business, recommendations, and adjournment. The November Basket Raffle proceeds checks were presented to representatives from the chosen charities. Christian Swol accepted the \$1,500 check for the Youth Challenge. Lovell Custard, President & CEO, accepted the \$4,000 check for Murtis Taylor Human Services System. At the December 7, 2012 meeting, Marilyn Sanders Mobley, Vice President

for Inclusion, Diversity and Equal Opportunity, presented an update on the Diversity Strategic Action Plan. The complete Council minutes can be found online at: <http://www.case.edu/sac/councilminutes.html>. The next general Council meeting will be held on Friday, February 8th, from 10:00-11:30 AM in the Toepfer Room in Adelbert Hall.

Member Spotlight: Michael Gilkey



Michael “The Communicator” Gilkey is the Marketing and Operations Manager for the CWRU National Center for Regenerative Medicine and joined CWRU in 2005. He is responsible for commercial and economic development for the Center with the end result of identifying new strategic partners, creating joint projects, starting sponsored research agreements and building closer relationships with current corporate partners. He is responsible for the development and execution of organizational strategy, planning and completion of both external and internal marketing efforts, commercializing member technology through institutional technology transfer offices, and providing administrative and operational support for its 125 members. If you are curious about stem cells go to www.edheads.org and join over 8 million people that have used three stem cell education modules based on research in the NCRM.

Michael is also the SAC Secretary and Chair of the Communications Committee. “SAC allows me to use my nerdy computer skills with my eloquent writing to get the word out to CWRU staff as to why SAC exists, how we help represent you, and what we have accomplished,” says Michael with a smile on his face.

How To Get Involved

Any non-faculty employee of the University with at least six months of service is eligible to be a SAC representative. Representatives serve a two-year term and are asked to attend all General Council meetings, and to serve on at least one Council Committee. The Council meets every other month in Adelbert Hall, Toepfer Room, from 10:00 - 11:30 am. The committees have varying schedules, but typically meet once a month for one hour. General council meetings are open to the campus community.

Employees who can't commit to serving as an elected representative may still participate in SAC. SAC encourages employees to voice their opinions, ideas and concerns, either directly at a Council meeting, or by contacting one of their representatives. Our website also has a link where employees can submit suggestions. Employees are welcome to work with any standing or ad-hoc SAC committee that interests them. SAC is a great opportunity to share your voice at CWRU!

For the solution to the Sudoku, go to <http://www.case.edu/sac/newsletters/fun.html>.

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