

Classified Staff Forum

February 17, 2022

Amie Chronister opened the forum in the absence of Mike Lynch (chairperson).

She gave an overview of what the Classified Staff Council does.

A few announcements were made:

- Need for an ACCE representative
- Another member to the council (Norma Hart joined)
- Tuition Scholarship for Children of Classified Staff

Amie also went over “ground rules” for attending today and future forums.

Remarks from President Orlikoff:

- WVU Potomac State College transforms live and the college is valuable to the citizens of West Virginia.
- Indoor mask requirement has been lifted (excluding classrooms and labs)
- Employees will receive pay increases based on fair market rate; increases will occur in July; pay increases are a result of the announcement that WV Gov. Justice made a few months ago
- Employee Appreciation Week is February 28 – March 3. A complimentary lunch will be provided in the DCC on March 3.

Tom Rotruck with Facilities expressed concern with the frequent turnover of trades workers (plumber, HVAC, electrician). He stated that rate of pay is a likely factor. He suggested that an assistant to the trades worker would be helpful.

Carnie Carr, Interim Manager of Facilities mentioned that Facilities is currently short staffed.

Norma Hart asked if the monthly employee lunches would start happening again.

Shannon Meek with Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) announced several events occurring in celebration of Black History month.

Shannon White asked if the minutes from the monthly Council meetings could be shared.

Chris Hess mentioned PSC Discover Day to be held on Monday, February 21. She also thanked everyone for the work that they do to make these types of events a success.

Mentioned above...Norma Hart volunteered to become a member of the Classified Staff Council.