Staff Council Meeting Minutes July 1, 2025

Sue Wagner Opened Meeting at 10:01 am

Events & Initiatives

- **Ice Cream Social**: Scheduled for July 19. Budget estimated around \$150–\$200.
- Back-to-School Supply Drive:
 - Focus on repurposing gently used supplies from home or office.
 - Potential to support both local public schools and CJC students.
 - Discussion about including toiletries and food items.
 - Coordination and logistics still being finalized.

Dean Brown

Legislative Impact:

- Over \$400,000 in funding vetoed by the governor, affecting public broadcasting.
- No immediate staff cuts, but programming and network relationships are at risk.
- Concern over a federal rescission bill that could further reduce funding for PBS and NPR.

University Leadership Uncertainty:

- UF is in a state of limbo following the rejection of Santa Ono by the Board of Governors.
- President Fox will remain until August 1; interim leadership is still undecided.
- Several dean searches (e.g., College of the Arts) have been suspended.

College Status:

- Despite challenges, the college is on solid footing.
- Students have performed exceptionally well in national and international competitions.
- Plans are underway for a capital campaign, including a major building renovation.

Hiring & Staffing:

- Current hires in progress will continue.
- New searches are on hold pending budget assessments.

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• Emphasis on leveraging student-driven content creation to offset programming losses.

Open Discussion

- Fundraising for Public Broadcasting:
 - Annual pledge drives continue, but unlikely to fully offset funding losses.
 - Alumni and donor engagement is ongoing.
- New Staff Introductions:
 - Welcome to Justin, the new social media expert.
 - Welcome to Sydney, attending her first meeting.

Wagner – Closed Meeting at 10:35 am

Attendees -

Justin Baxley, Hub Brown, Joanna Hernandez, Craig Lee, Tim Miller, Jessica Osegueda, Glenn Richards, Sydney Sims, Kutonya Sowell, Sue Wagner

Online Attendees -

Quinten Ershock, Sophie Goodwin, Spiro Kiousis, Cheryl Oberlin,