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45th STAFF COUNCIL/45^{ème} CONSEIL DU PERSONNEL

Agenda/Ordre du jour

Meeting No: 45/18

Date: 7 September 2017

Time: 1:15 – 2:30 pm

Venue: L-0313

45th Staff Council Meeting Minutes

The meeting was quorate at 1:35 pm with Deputy Chair Andraz Melansek in the Chair and Secretary Aitor Arauz taking notes. The meeting was recorded and a copy deposited with the UNSU Administrator.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The draft Agenda was adopted with the addition of "Relief Committee for Sierra Leone" as item 9, requested by the Treasurer.

2. Adoption of Minutes of previous Council meeting

The draft minutes for meetings 15, 16 and 17 were adopted without amendments.

In connection to the minutes of meeting 17, the Deputy Chair inquired if progress had been made on the issue of Broadcasts and of liaison officers for SMC and CCISUA. The Secretary replied that he had coordinated informally with VP2 on Broadcasts and was now being copied to all Broadcast requests. On liaison with SMC and CCISUA, he recalled that Leadership represents Union and felt that as long as information was transmitted promptly and in full, no parallel communication channels were needed. Unit 39 Rep. seconded this position, and acknowledged the support received from the President, despite earlier differences. The President stated that Leadership had an internal distribution of roles. VP1, who was charged with communicating with Council, recalled that she had posted all SMC communications on the Forum and agreed to re-circulate access details. After an exchange on the quality of internal communication, it was agreed that the Council would communicate with Leadership through VP1, who would endeavour to make all information available.

3. President's report and summary of communications

Since the report had not been received in advance of the meeting, the Council agreed to examine it and submit questions to Leadership in writing, if any.

No Executive Board report was pending for the meeting.

4. UNSU Finances

The Treasurer recalled that USD 50,000 had been released for Staff Day. Tickets sales for the raffle had reached USD 19,000, which nearly covered the USD 20,000 cost of the car. The Assistant Treasurer was working on reconciling the accounts, which were promising. She was hopeful that the USD 50,000 would be recovered.

Since purchasing Quickbooks, the Treasurer had been working on incorporating data from April 1st to August 31. He hoped to have full accounts to submit for the period by the end of September. Has was satisfied with the new accounting system.

5. Security update by Kenneth Rosario

Unit 39 Rep reported that he had worked with the President and Legal Counsel on a revised resolution. The previous resolution was withdrawn and the revised resolution was adopted unanimously subject for formal edits.

He also reported on his participation in SMC. He was disappointed that the President of the SMC had focussed on DSS's priorities to the detriment of staff's. DSS management had attended the meeting unprepared, so no effective progress was made.

6. SMC debrief

The Deputy Chair thanked VP1 for her excellent summary report on the SMC meeting. Unit 39 Rep suggested that SMC VTCs also designate a minute-taker. VP1 would inquire with the SMC secretariat and would also ask if the VTC was recorded.

7. Field JNC

The Deputy Treasurer reported to the Council on the conversation held at the Executive Board regarding the Field JNC to be held the following week. It was suggested that that DFS colleagues attend the meeting as advisors. The meeting unanimously adopted a motion to designate Unit 17 Rep and Alternate as advisors to F-JNC. They would liaise with Leadership to that effect.

8. Committees and working groups

VP1 reported that membership to all Committees was completed. She would circulate the names It was not up to the Administration to complete their members, at which point the ST/AIs could be reissued. Unit 25 Rep underlined the need to include non-Council members. There were no other internal working groups pending establishment.

On the Working Group on Statutes review, Unit 25 Rep circulated a list of names. After the deletion of one name due to objections, the list was adopted unanimously as the membership of the Working Group. The Steering Committee would draft Terms of Reference and contact designated members. Unit 25 Rep stressed that once the WG submitted a draft, it should not come back to the Council for a vote. To avoid roadblocks, all Council members should be ex-officio members of the WG, with a right take part in any stage of the discussion. Unit 39 Rep pointed out that the Legal Advisor should be included in the WG.

9. Relief Committee for Sierra Leone

The Treasurer introduced a resolution for the establishment of the Relief Committee for Sierra Leone, which was adopted unanimously. He was working on a further resolution for Houston. Unit 39 Rep suggested establishing a standing committee to enable a quicker response in future situations.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.