

APRIL 2009

April 15th – Last Meeting of the Year – Do Not Miss It!

As you know, this year, our theme has been **“Promoting In-House Pride”**. We have had several topics over the past year to enhance this theme: a description of our new Center for Student Services; a look at Assessment and the upcoming Middle States Review, an exercise in Leadership and Empowerment through Capacity Building and for our final meeting, we are going to look at how we can enhance our business processes on campus.

Our last meeting of the year on **April 15th** will be on an important topic that affects us all: **“Smooth Sailing for New Programs, Conferences, etc. – Streamlining the Process”**. We have a panel of all the important people whom we need to connect with in order to get things done. Whom do you talk to? How do you move these ideas forward? How can suggestions get implemented? What is the process?

In addition, elections for next year's officers will be held so please don't miss your chance to possibly nominate someone not already on the slate and, most importantly, to vote.

As usual, the final meeting for the year will be held in the University Commons Ballroom A and coffee and tea will be served. Come spend your morning with your fellow Directors and learn more about how you can make a difference at William Paterson University.

April 15, 2009

Agenda

- 8:30 Conversation & Coffee
- 9:00 Welcome, Introductions and Announcements
- 9:15 Election of Officers
- 9:30 Program
- Panel on “Streamlining the Process”**
- 11:00 Adjourn

Regular Meeting

April 15, 2009

Annual Picnic Cancelled

Steering Committee Meeting

May 14, 2009

Message from the Chairperson

Everyone has heard from the President, the Vice-President of Finance and Administration, and the Provost how hard these economic times are for us. In deference to the budget crunch, the Director's Council has opted to not have our usual picnic at the end of this year. This means that it's all the more relevant for you to attend our last meeting as this will be the last time we can all get together to talk to each other about our areas. I hope you all can attend.

In addition, we have decided not to go ahead with the monetary reward for the three Director's Council Awards: Innovation Award, Collaboration Award, and Consideration Award. However, we do want to acknowledge the good work that you have done and are presenting these awards again this year with a Certificate

to be given at next year's first meeting in October. In light of the current economic crisis, it is only fitting to give up the monetary aspect of the award, but it is never fitting to forget our colleagues and their expertise in delivering quality service no matter what.

Attached are the Director's Council Recognition Award descriptions as well as the Nomination Form. We have extended the date to June 30th, the end of the fiscal year, as the awards will not be presented until our first meeting in the Fall.

If you have any questions about the revised Awards, please contact Sandie Miller at ext. 2530 or millers@wpunj.edu.

DIRECTOR'S COUNCIL RECOGNITION AWARDS

The University solicits nominations for the 2009 Directors' Council Recognition Awards. The three (3) awards will be given out at the October 2009 Director's Council meeting. This year the selection committee will be comprised of the 2008 honorees, Jill Guzman, Lou Poandl, Raj Vohra and Martin Williams.

Each winner will receive a Certificate of Recognition signed by President Speert recognizing the achievement.

Awards will be made using the following criteria:

Innovation Award

The recipient will be recognized for leadership in a project or initiative that results in an innovative and successful program that advances one or more aspects of University life.

Collaboration Award

Recipients will be recognized for their leadership resulting in a project or initiative that demonstrates the value of synergy and the contribution to the University of collaborative efforts between two or more departments.

Consideration A Award

The recipient will be recognized for a project or initiative that demonstrates exemplary service to the student body or to other members of the University or to the greater, external community.

For more information, please review the attached Director's Council Recognition Award descriptions as well as the Nomination Form.

Election Time

The Director's Council's Nominating Committee, which is comprised of Jeff Floyd (Chair), Ken Schneider and Amanda Vasquez will present the following slate of candidates for election:

Chairperson:	Sandie Miller	Professional Development Chairperson:	John I. Sims
Vice Chairperson:	Kim Daniel-Robinson	Assessment Committee Chairperson:	Martin Williams
Secretary:	Margaret Meth		

These officers make up the core of the Steering Committee. At least two (2) at large members will be appointed. The terms of office will run through the end of FY 2011. The next election will be held in April 2011.

Director's Council members can join a committee by contacting Sandie Miller at ext. 2530 or millers@wpunj.edu.

DIRECTOR'S COUNCIL MISSION

The mission of the William Paterson University Director's Council is to facilitate ongoing communication between Directors, provide review, comment and guidance on WPUNJ programs, policies and regulations, and to encourage collaboration in support of the WPUNJ mission and Student Success Plan. In pursuit of this mission, the Director's Council provides professional development opportunities for members promoting life-long learning, reflection and excellence.

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