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THE PRESIDENT

In Praise of Committees

Many people dread the idea of committees. There is an abundant genre of “wise sayings” about committees. Many are rather funny, but also discouraging about committee work. Here are two that I’ve encountered recently:

To get something done a committee should consist of no more than three people-----two of whom are absent.

To kill time, a committee meeting is the perfect weapon.

Though these wise cracks make us smile, they do not do justice to committees that function well. Remember, a committee of one is little more than tyranny! And a rush job on ideas can easily lead to hare-brained decisions! If you are discouraged about committee-work, consider the wisdom of the former first-lady Lady Bird Johnson:

Any committee is only as good as the most knowledgeable, determined and vigorous person on it.

There must be somebody who provides the flame.

Be that person who is willing to offer ideas, energy, and collaboration to the other members of your committee. Be the flame! If things are moving too fast, or too slow in committee, remember a line from the British journalist and biographer Anthony Sampson:

Muddle is the extra, unknown personality in any committee.

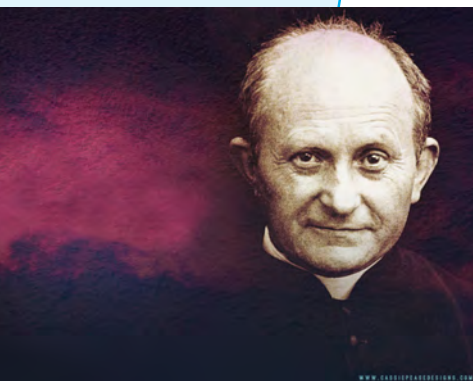
Sometimes the best we can do is muddle through.

I may be stretching Jesus’ words a little as I cite his wisdom in support of committee meetings. He said:



Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. Mt 18:20.

The list of committee assignments for the new academic year is included in this week’s issue of the Log. I am grateful to everyone who has shown themselves willing to serve our College community through committee work.



“Never will we understand
the value of time better than
when our last hour is at
hand”
St. Arnold Janssen

Special thanks to those who are willing to serve on the Assurance Argument Task Forces in preparation for the regular four-year follow up visit of the Higher Learning Commission in November 2019.

VISITORS FROM GERMANY

This week we will welcome two visitors from Germany to Divine Word College. Ms. Christina Brunner is the editor of a German-language magazine produced by the Society. The magazine, Stadt Gottes (City of God), is widely distributed in Central Europe. Ms. Brunner will be accompanied by her photographer, Mr. Joerg Boethling. They are gathering stories from Techny, from DWC and from Fr. Alex Roedlach SVD in Omaha for future publication. The homepage, www.stadtgottes.de gives an idea of the magazine.

BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION SUMMARY

The Board of Administration met on Friday, August 24, and discussed/ approved the following:

1. Approved the final job description for the College Counselor.
2. Approved the Work-Study job description for the workers in the Student Kitchen.
3. Approved Safe Environment Training for all employees and students through the Archdiocese of Dubuque. This program replaces the previous Virtus Training program. The training will be required for all employees and students for this semester, replacing the SafeColleges webinars.
4. Selected SafeColleges training modules for assignment in the second semester of this academic year.
5. Discussed the ongoing process to combine the Administration Manual, Employee Handbook, and Faculty Handbook into one College Handbook.
6. Reviewed the Committee Membership for 2018-2019 and included the draft in the LOG for comments and feedback.

VICE PRESIDENT FOR FORMATION DEAN OF STUDENTS

1. Happy Labor Day! Special thanks to the student sports coordinator, the chefs, and the student senate for all the hard work that you did to make the Labor Day enjoyable despite the weather condition. 5-K Run and Walk will be postponed until Saturday September 8th, SVD Family Feast. Please keep on training.
2. The Men's Soccer Tournament is also cancelled due to the weather condition until further announcement.
3. Wednesday, September 05, instead of having formation meetings, there will be a Dean's Forum at 7:30 pm, in Room 107. All students are required to attend.
4. On Friday, September 7th at 7:30 pm all students and faculty are invited to the TRS 295 Ministry Presentation in room 107.
5. Saturday, September 8th, is our annual SVD Family Feast Day which marks the 143rd anniversary of the foundation of the society of the Divine Word Missionary. On this particular occasion, Fr. Bang Tran, Fr. Hien Pham, and Fr. Brandon Hiep Nguyen will celebrate their 25th anniversary of religious vows and Fr. Pio Estepa's 40th anniversary of priesthood. Please check the student board for all the activities.
6. Sunday, September 9th, each formation group will present its formation charter to the community at Vespers. Contact persons of each formation group, please come prepared.
7. Spanish tutoring service will be available on Mondays and Fridays at 7:00pm in the Student Resource Center. Frt. Dario Figueroa, SVD, and other members of the AHA will be available to help with your pronunciation and whatever you may need to improve your Spanish.

VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADMISSIONS

MASS FOR VOCATIONS

Last week we had our first Mass for Vocations. We thank the Pre-novitiate formation group, Agape, for planning the liturgy, and we truly appreciate Francis Wambua for sharing his vocation story with us.

COME AND SEE VISITOR

As noted in *The Log* last week, our first Come and See visitor of the semester arrives on Wednesday. Hung Nguyen is from Seattle, Washington, and will be with us until next Monday. Thank you for helping him to feel at home in our community.



“True love and real trust
form the basis of all good
teamwork”

St. Arnold Janssen

VICE PRESIDENT FOR OPERATIONS

WD EVACUATION DRILL

On Tuesday, September 25, Western Dubuque High School will be using our gym for an evacuation drill. The drill will be between 9-10AM. Please have all sports equipment removed from the gym floor and safely stored prior to this event.

HEALTH SERVICES COORDINATOR

Flu Vaccination

Vaccination for students and SVD will be held on Tuesday, September 25, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Weyland Art Gallery. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin boards.

Blood Drive

A Blood Drive will be held on Tuesday, October 2, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the gym. Guidelines:

- Must be age 18 or older
- Must weight at least 110 pounds
- Must feel well on the day of donation
- Bring your photo ID
- Do not take any aspirin medication for 48 hours before donation
- Must be 56 days since your last time of donating blood

Committee Membership 2018-2019

Key: EFS = Elected by Faculty Senate
AP = Appointed by the President
EO = Ex Officio

HLC (HIGHER LEARNING COMMISSION) TASK FORCES

Assurance Argument Steering Committee – HLC

Criteria 1 & 2 (Mission and Integrity and Ethical and Responsible Conduct)

Mathew Kanjirathinkal, Chair,
John Szukalski, SVD, Criterion 3 (Teaching & Learning: Quality, Resources, Support)
Paul Stamm, Criterion 4 (Teaching & Learning: Evaluation & Improvement)
Steve Winger, Criterion 5 (Resources, Planning, Institutional Effectiveness)

Assurance Argument - Task Force: Mission and Integrity and Ethical and Responsible Conduct

Mathew Kanjirathinkal, Chair
Ken Anich, SVD
Stephen Kha Nguyen, SVD

Assurance Argument - Task Force: Teaching & Learning: Quality, Resources, Support

John Szukalski, SVD, Chair
Yasmin Rioux
Pablito Tagura, SVD

Assurance Argument - Task Force: Teaching & Learning: Evaluation and Improvement

Paul Stamm, Chair
Cathleen Cleary
Sam Cunningham, SVD

Assurance Argument - Task Force: Resources, Planning, Institutional Effectiveness

Steve Winger (Chair)
Len Uhal
Marlene Decker

Assumed Practices Task Force

Jolene Zimmerman (Chair)
Larry Udry
Evelyn Dias

STANDING COMMITTEES

Admissions Committee

Len Uhal, Chair (EO)
Ken Anich, SVD (AP)
Seo Hyun Park (EO)
Bang Tran, SVD (EO)
John Szukalski, SVD (EO)

Assessment Committee

*Paul Stamm, Chair (EO)
*Cathleen Cleary, Faculty Member (AP) 2018-2020
*Sam Cunningham, SVD, Faculty Member (AP) 2018-2020
Zhonghue Chen, SVD, Formation Member (AP) 2018-2020
Anton Jacobs (EO)
Seo Hyun Park (EO)
Pablito Tagura, SVD (EO)
Jolene Zimmerman (EO)
*Nuclear Body

Board of Administration

Thomas Ascheman, SVD, President, Chair
John Szukalski, SVD (EO)
Bang Tran, SVD (EO)
Len Uhal (EO)
Steve Winger (EO)

Campus Sustainability Committee

Steve Winger, Chair (EO)
Rob Kundert, (AP) 2017-2019
Cathleen Cleary (AP) 2017-2019
Mark Singsank (AP) 2017-2019
Yasmin Rioux (AP) 2017-2019
Tomerot Lambert, Student Member (AP) 2018-2019
Baruch Zinsou, Student Member (AP) 2018-2019

Chairs Council

John Szukalski, SVD, Chair (EO)
Seo Hyun Park (EO)
Pablito Tagura, SVD (EO)
Anton Jacobs (EO)
Jolene Zimmerman (Registrar) (EO)

Emergency Planning Committee

Steve Winger, Chair (AP) 2017-2020
Thang Hoang, SVD (EO)
Sonny de Class, SVD (EO)
Thomas Ascheman, SVD (EO)
Bang Tran, SVD (EO)
Long Phi Nguyen, SVD (EO)
Bro. Vinh Trinh, SVD (AP) 2017-2020
Daniel Williams (AP) 2017-2020

External Affairs Council

Tom Ascheman, SVD, Chair
Linh Pham, SVD, Development (AP)
Rob Kundert, Public Relations (AP)
Mark Singsank, Development (AP)
Sandy Wilgenbusch, Public Relations (AP)
Thang Hoang, SVD, Alumni (AP)

Financial Affairs Committee

Marlene Decker, Chair (EO)
Len Uhal (EO)
Steven Winger (EO)
Carolyn Waechter (EO)
John Szukalski, SVD (AP)
Linh Pham, SVD (EO)

Food Service Committee

Steve Winger, VP for Operations, Chair (AP)
Bang Tran, SVD, VP for Formation/Dean of Students (AP)
Brenda Williams, Food Service Director (AP)
Sr. Theresa Marie Tran, SCC, Faculty Member (AP)
Pierre Solivert, Student Member (AP)

Formation Committee

Bang Tran, SVD, Chair (EO)
Paul Chen, SVD (EO)
Sonny deClass, SVD (EO)
Mike Decker, SVD (EO)
Thang Hoang, SVD (EO)
Long Phi Nguyen, SVD (EO)
Nick Nguyen, SVD (EO)
Stephen Kha Nguyen, SVD (EO)
Sr. Theresa Marie Tran, SCC (EO)
Sr. Carol Welp, SSpS (EO)
Daniel Williams, Faculty Member – non-voting (AP)
Marc Declama, Student Member – non-voting (AP)
Sr. Hong Nguyen, LHC, Student Member – non-voting (AP)
Sr. Thanh Nguyen, LHC, Student Member – non-voting (AP)

Graduation Committee

Sandy Wilgenbusch, Chair (AP)
John Szukalski, SVD (EO)
Sonny de Class, SVD (EO)
Evelyn Dias (EO)
Bang Tran, SVD (EO)
Tuan Nguyen, Student Member (AP)

Information Systems Committee

Brad Florence, Chair (EO)
Daniel Williams (EO)
Steve Winger (AP)
Son Le, SVD (AP)
Paul Stamm (AP)
Braden Chase (AP)
John Scully, Student Member (AP)

Institutional Review Board (Research)

Ken Anich, SVD, Chair (AP)
Cathleen Cleary (AP)
Sam Cunningham, SVD (AP)

Library Council

Daniel Williams, Chair (EO)
Tony Kreinus, SVD (EO)
Sam Cunningham, SVD, Dept. of Interdisciplinary Studies (AP)
Khoa Nguyen, SVD, Dept. of Theology & Philosophy (AP)
Sr. Duong Nguyen, LHC, Student Member (AP)

Liturgy Committee

Sonny DeClass, SVD, Chair (EO)
Zhongxue Paul Chen, SVD (EO)
Evelyn Dias (AP)
Thang Hoang, SVD (EO)
Long Phi Nguyen, SVD (EO)
Khoa Nguyen, SVD (AP)
Jill Heitzman (AP)
Sr. Tram Tran, IHM, Student Member

Newsletter Editorial Board

Rob Kundert, Chair (EO)
Sandy Wilgenbusch
Marilyn Taylor
Donna Puccio
Mark Singsank
Linh Pham, SVD
Jolene Zimmerman

Rank and Tenure Committee

(to be elected by Faculty Senate on 9/25/18 – one year only – present members remain active until new members are elected or re-elected)

Tony Kreinus, SVD, Chair (EFS)	2015-2018
Cathi Cleary (EFS)	2015-2018
Anton Jacobs (EFS)	2016-2019
Stephen Kha Nguyen, SVD (EFS)	2015-2018
Sharon Sinton (EFS)	2015-2018

Scholarship Advisory Committee

Tom Ascherman, SVD, Chair (EO)
Len Uhal, VP for Admissions (EO)
Carolyn Waechter, Financial Aid Coordinator (EO)
Bang Tran, SVD, VP for Formation (EO)

INTERIM COMMITTEES

Interim Academic Appeals Committee

Ken Anich, SVD (EFS)
Marilyn Taylor (EFS)
Kirsten Lillegard (EFS)

Interim Formation Appeals Committee

Long Phi Nguyen, SVD, Chair
Sam Cunningham, SVD
Daniel Williams
Marc Declama
Sr. Cuc Kim Tran, LHC

Interim Website Review Committee (one year)

Sandy Wilgenbusch, Chair, (AP)
Rob Kundert (AP)
John Szukalski, SVD (AP)
Len Uhal (AP)
Son Le, SVD (AP)

OTHER INFORMATION

Spiritual Directors

Nick Hien Nguyen, SVD, Director
James Bergin, SVD
Sam Cunningham, SVD
Ed Peklo, SVD
Sr. Theresa Marie Tran, SCC
Sr. Carol Welp, SSpS

Student Senate Officers – 2018-2019

President:	Marc DeClama
Vice President:	Sr. Hong Bich Nguyen, LHC
Secretary:	Thong Tran
Treasurer:	Wisno Elie