Professional Staff Meeting

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Present: Tom Prinz, Lynn Prinz, Ashley Troncin, Jen Crompton, Mandy Bibee, Brady Miller

1. Purpose: Tom met with members that were on the previous Professional Staff council. The main reason the council disbanded was for a lack of purpose. They also couldn’t decide whether to be a primarily professional organization or social organization. After discussion amongst the group, it was decided that there needs to be a social aspect to the organization and it should also be a voice to administration for professional staff.

2. Scope: Based on models available from different campuses, the group decided that IU East had the simplest and clearest set of Constitution and Bylaws. If the IU East model is used, then the group will need to decide on a role for the President-Elect position. Previously, the IU Professional Staff Council constitution had 11 representatives from the 4-5 areas on campus, with representation broken down between VC units. OnCourse should be sufficient for tracking the council and new website may not be necessary. The scope of the organization needs to be communicated to the entire staff.

3. How to generate interest: In order to generate interest amongst current professional staff, the committee will need to do the following:
   a. Create a mission statement
   b. Create a simple Constitution and Bylaws
   c. Create a plan and vision for the group
      i. Components to the council may include: social, representation to the administration, and philanthropic (both internal and external to the university)

4. To do for next meeting:
   a. Create a mission statement
   b. Form own Constitution and Bylaws: use IU East as a model
   c. Before the next meeting, each member should talk to other professional staff in his/her area to get their opinions of what they would like to see in the new professional staff council.