

MINUTES OF CSU STAFF COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, May 5, 2011

I. ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Bethany Yandell, Christopher Bryant, Kat Cannella, Crystal Jones, Laurie Jones, Jay Knape, Nicole Lee, Debby Mayo, Dana McGlon, Cherwanda Jones, Christine Murphey, Patsy Redmond, Libby Smith, Liza Smith, Nicole de Vries, Amanda Adams

Excused Absences: Rita Snell

Special Guest: Glenda Osborne, MOAAFBAC

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes approved and accepted as amended.

III. CALL TO ORDER

Kat Cannella presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

III. FINANCIAL REPORT

Book Scholarship - \$315.03

Foundation - \$133.04

Chris Bryant made corrections to the book scholarship and foundation to reflect the current balances. Chris has been working with the Vice President of Business and Finance who found a number of discrepancies along with some documents and receipts from 2008 that was not accounted for in the books. Currently, everything from August of 2008 to present time checks out and is reliable.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. WELCOME COMMITTEE

Laurie stated that they are shooting for the next welcome tour in June.

B. STAFF DEVELOPMENT AND SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Chris reported that the Extreme Couponing presentation went very well with thirty-three people attending. The audience gave great feedback and expressed interest in having the speaker return. Haylee with CB&T is coming to campus to present the workshop "How to budget during these tough economic times". She apologized because they were supposed to come on May 4th but had to cancel due to restructuring within their company. Once this is done she will come to campus and send information and invitations out about this workshop with a new date and time. Chris also reported that after spring graduation, an announcement will be sent out to staff members attending summer semester about the book scholarship and if no one wants to use this scholarship during the summer semester then they will follow up with the fall semester.

C. ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

Elections were done a month early this year because Kat Cannella is participating in a study abroad program this June and Nicole Lee will no longer be able to serve as chair-elect for the remainder of this year due to job obligations.

A first and second motion was opened to elect nominated officers as slated. Both motions were approved by council and the following officers have been elected:

Officers for 2011-2012

Chair: Jay Knape

Chair-Elect: Nicole de Vries

Secretary: Christine Murphey

Assistant Secretary: Dana McGlon

Finance Officer: Amanda Adams

A first and second motion was opened to elect nominated committee chairs. Both motions were approved by council and the following chairs have been elected.

Committee Chairs for 2011-2012

Welcome Committee: Laurie Jones

Staff Development & Scholarship Committee: Chris Bryant

Staff Appreciation Committee: Kendall Purvis

Fundraising Committee: Bethany Yandell

Staff Service Award Committee: Laurie Jones

D. STAFF APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

The next staff appreciation event will be held Friday, 5/13/11, on main campus. We will have a Hot Dog lunch and since Patty Brooks has retired, Marlena will need to get a point of contact for Riverpark campus so that we can send 50 hotdogs to the Riverpark staff community.

E. FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Liza Smith had to change the date of the Staff Council Yard Sale to June 4th from 7am-11am. She also passed out sign up sheets for this event. The price for two tables is \$10.00 (minimum) and any additional tables are \$5.00. Liza ask council to communicate this to their departments and have interested persons fill out and forward the form to her via campus mail or have them contact her directly via campus email.

F. STAFF SERVICE AWARD COMMITTEE

Laurie reported that employee of the year, Shelby Freeman, was recognized at the Awards Convocation this year. She also reported that they have some nominations for first quarter and they are also soliciting for new nominations for second quarter.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. USG STAFF COUNCIL QUARTERLY MEETING @ CSU – 5/26/11, 10A-2P (ISH), STUDENT RECREATION CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM

CSU will be hosing this meeting as a reminder and staff council members are encouraged to attend. USG State Conference will be held October 5th and 6th @ UGA in Athens.

B. SHARED GOVERNMENT TASK FORCE MEETING

Jay Knappe updated council stating that they have a more solid draft of what they are proposing. Jay summarized what this task force was all about stating that it is a model or collaboration based on trust and respect of both parties in trying to have dialog and transparency through decisions that are made here on campus and empowering all the university constituents acting in the best interest of students, faculty, staff and administration – loses, inclines of accountability in a measure mutually agreed upon standards of progress. They are making this a representative deal for faculty, staff and students by bringing everybody in at the beginning. The purpose of University Council as a whole is for issues and policy proposals that effect one or more constituent group at the university. The process for doing business up to the university council is as follows:

Any constituent body, faculty senate, staff council or student government association can submit a resolution to the university council. The university will deliberate then vote on whether to pass or not pass the resolution.

In either case the resolution along with the university council's vote will be submitted by executive officers of University Council to the president for ratification or veto within 30 days of receipt in accordance with the Board of Regents policy manual. If the president reverses the decision of the University Council, a written explanation must be provided to university council within 15 days of the president's decision.

The role of all of this is to introduce policy proposals and make resolutions to administration on policies proposed and to request information from members. The current recommendation (which is still in draft form) is for university council to have 23 members with 10 faculty, 5 staff, 2 students, 2 administrators, 2 presidential appointees, 1 dean and 1 chair from the chairs assembly. Jay is recommending that the chair and chair-elect of staff council fill two of the five positions representing staff with the remaining three positions to be filled by staff council members. The next shared government task force meeting will be held next Monday to finish up remaining details of the document. The plan is for this to be formally presented to everybody this fall and getting it out of the subcommittee level and form an official discussion.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. CELLPHONES FOR SOLDIERS

In keeping with MOAA's (Military Officers Association of America) tradition of supporting our troops, AMAC (Auxiliary Member Advisory Committee) is launching a national project to turn our old cell phones into phone cards to help our troops call home. Cell phones for Soldiers is a national non-profit charity that recycles old cell phones and in return, provides our fighting forces with pre-paid phone cards to call home. It's easy. And there's no cost. AT&T calling cards are the only cards accepted. Kat Cannella will have a collection box in her office located in TURN 109 and a additional box will be located in the Cunningham Center along with donation sheets. Please get the word out to your department and community.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nicole Lee announced that Frank Gatlin started a food ministry and is taking donations for Alabama's tornado victims. They have also cut a deal with K-Mart to supply a boxes of toiletry items. Food, toiletry items or money donations are needed and anyone wishing to donate to this cause should contact Nicole Lee at lee_nicole1@columbusstate.edu. Nicole will leave for Birmingham Thursday, 5-13-11.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am

Respectfully submitted by
Dana McGlon