

CSU STAFF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, September 2, 2010

I. ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Bethany Yandall, Heather Ammons, Crystal Jones, Jay Knape, Nicole Lee, Marlena Mobley, Patsy Redmond, Liza Smith, Rita Snell, Takeia Mosala, Dutch Cummings, Nicole De Vries, Dana McGlon, Libby Smith

Excused Absences: Kat Cannella, Christine Murphy, Patti Brooks, Laurie Jones, Christopher Bryant, Bernard McCrary

II. CALL TO ORDER

Nicole Lee called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

The floor was opened for discussion of last month's staff council minutes and there was no discussion so a motion was opened to approve the minutes along with a second motion and all were in favor. Minutes stand approved.

III. FINANCIAL REPORT

Book Scholarship - \$1,112.52

Foundation - \$151.74

Nicole reported in Christopher's absence that the Book Scholarship deficit is probably due to the cougar pride award and also the deduction of funds for the membership flyer. The Foundation balance remains the same.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. WELCOME COMMITTEE

Laurie was absent but reported through email that they have a tentative date for the employee welcome tour of October 13, 2010.

B. STAFF DEVELOPMENT AND SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Chris reported via email, at this time, the committee has not met to discuss this year's activities. Before discussing ideas with the staff development committee, he wanted to ask council if there were any topics of interest they would like to hear more of. Dana sent an email to the council asking if anyone would like to contribute an idea for staff development opportunity and if they did to email Chris Bryant with their ideas. His goal is to have one staff development opportunity each month. He and committee would like to be able to report at least one planned activity by our next staff council meeting.

C. STAFF APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

Marlena reported that the next staff appreciation day will be held Tuesday, October 26 and they plan to have coffee, hot chocolate and donuts. She will have flyers available to hand out at the next meeting.

D. FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

Liza is planning to buy t-shirts for about four or five dollars a piece to sell to students and staff and she is currently working on a couple of designs. She is also planning for a big yard sale/crafts fair for spring. Nicole De Vries suggested contacting Cindy Henning who is over the Honors Association to possibly partner with them on their next annual yard sale and other fund raisers.

E. STAFF SERVICE AWARD COMMITTEE

Laurie reported via email that Cindy Hicks, University Advancement has been awarded the Staff Council Employee of the Quarter award for Quarter 1, 2010.

Laurie also reported that they are soliciting nominations for the Staff Council Employee of the Quarter award for Quarter 2, 2010 and the deadline is September 15.

F. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

No report

V. OLD BUSINESS

No report

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Operation Fluffy Pillow – (Nicole)

Soldiers from the 3rd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division will be returning from Iraq to Fort Benning this month. One of the first things many will want to do when they reach their barracks is jump in the bed and relax. Emily Pettitt wants to make sure that they have pillows and sheets. CSU is partnering with Emily Pettitt who is a mother of a soldier for “Operation Fluffy Pillow”. This purpose of this operation is to make sure soldiers returning from Iraq have plenty of pillows, sheets and detergent so that they can jump into bed and relax once they get back to their barracks. This program will end at the end of September and what we want to do is get with other organizations on campus to take a collection of pillows, sheets and detergent or collect funds which has been estimated at about \$20 per soldier to cover their hospitality package. They are asking for twin or full size sheets in standard issue white and they do not have to be new. Libby Smith has volunteered as a point person within the staff council membership body to set the drop locations, get boxes to each location for collection and when it is done to get with Nicole Lee or Emily Pettitt. If we have a substantial response then Emily will contact a news crew to cover the event. If we do not have a substantial response then Nicole will get with Emily to deliver the donations to a drop location for the cause.

Other items needed:

(bath towels, wash cloths, shower curtain liners with rings, “Welcome Home” cards and signs)

For more information visit the following link:

<http://www.ledger-enquirer.com/2010/08/13/1228898/operation-fluffy-pillow-program.html>

Emily Pettitt can be contacted at (706) 662-0101.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Continuing Education is having their open house: Thursday, 9/2, 6p, EBTC. Orientation will be held to sample classes, meet instructors, win prizes, and get 10% off tuition registration.
- B. Jaye announced that he will hold a campus domain change presentation which will be about changes to department websites and to answer general questions about the domain change. Public Relations will also share information about web address changes. This will be held next Tuesday, September 7, 2010 at 12:30 p.m. in the CCT Auditorium.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM

Respectfully submitted by
Dana McGlon