

MINUTES OF CSU STAFF COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, October 1, 2009

I. ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Heather Ammons, Patti Brooks, Kat Cannella, Joy Davis, Laurie Jones, Tabitha Kinnerson, Jay Knape, Ray Lakes, Nicole Lee, Debbie Mayo, Bernard McCrary, Dana McGlon, Marlana Mobley, Christine Murphey, Kimberly Riley, Libby Smith, Liza Smith, Norman White.

Excused Absences: Patty Chappel, Angela Johnson, Crystal Jones, Bernard McCrary, Patsy Redmond, Rita Snell

II. CALL TO ORDER

Liza Smith called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM. The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as submitted.

III. FINANCIAL REPORT

Book Scholarship - \$1,742.03

Foundation - \$492.05

Tabitha asked how she could get access to the reports for these accounts. Currently she must still contact the previous Financial Officer to obtain them. Liza will check with Jessie on this. Ray suggested that Tabitha contact Suzanne Maynard, Foundation, as well.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. WELCOME COMMITTEE

Laurie stated that the welcome breakfast and tour for new employees need to be scheduled by late October or early November. She will contact the committee shortly regarding this.

B. STAFF DEVELOPMENT AND SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Bernard reported that Student Affairs had their first professional development meeting, held in the Spencer Event Hall at the International House. The topic discussed was safe zone areas for gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and transgender students. This would be on a voluntary basis and would consist of staff designating their offices as safe zones for these students who might want to speak with someone regarding any issues they may be facing. It is also a way to promote understanding.

Bernard also reported that there are very few applications for the book scholarship. Promoting this scholarship to all staff needs be increased. Application procedure consists of: submitting a letter (indicating how the scholarship will benefit the applicant), along with an unofficial transcript, to Bernard.

C. ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

No report.

D. STAFF APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

Nicole reported that staff appreciation day is scheduled for 9 October from 9-11am in the Cougar Lounge in Davidson. Aramark has agreed to provide the coffee and hot chocolate. Donuts will be purchased by staff council. Patty will take care of the event for the Riverpark Campus. Nicole also stated that this may be a possible forum to discuss the urgency of breast cancer detection in light of Margaret Hart's recent death from this disease, it being Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Norman's wife just being diagnosed with cancer. She will look into having a portable mammogram testing center come to campus by contacting the health center and working with them.

Nicole stated that staff council is considering running a concession at a CSU basketball game during November.

E. FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Debby received approval from members to hold an Arts and Crafts Fair in November; however, she has had more interest from vendors to hold another garage sale. She asked the membership if they would agree to hold another garage sale on 14 November and consider holding an Arts and Crafts Fair in the spring. The membership agreed.

F. STAFF SERVICE AWARD COMMITTEE

Laurie reported that she has nominations for this award for the subcommittee members to review. She will pass them out for members to review and contact the subcommittee members for a decision shortly.

G. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

Dana reported that she has been in touch with the Clean Air Act Group and that they will present information on this at the next meeting.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. BARGAIN BLOG

No report.

B. 2009 CONFERENCE – RE-SCHEDULED

Liza reported that the conference has been re-scheduled to 15 October. It will be held from 10:30am to 3pm at Georgia College and State University in Milledgeville. Nicole and Kat will be attending, leaving two more slots available. Tabitha volunteered to go as well.

C. WEBSITE

Nicole reported that she is working with Jay on re-organizing the website and giving it a new look. The member page has been re-done and a meetings page has been added. In the works are also pages for volunteer opportunities for members and staff campus-wide as well as an events page with photos.

D. AD HOC MISSION/GOALS COMMITTEE – G.R.E.A.T.

Liza asked for volunteers to join this subcommittee to review the mission statement, goals, objectives and promote unity campus-wide. Marlena and Kat volunteered.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. PRESENTATION IN MEMORY OF MARGARET HART

Liza stated that a presentation will be made today at 12pm in the VPAA conference room in memory of Margaret Hart, Accounting, to her daughter Leonna Hart. Margaret passed away recently from breast cancer.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kat announced that the American Cancer Society will have an event on 2 October at the Bull Creek Golf Course. Volunteers are needed to help with set-up and teams of golfers are still needed to take part.

Bernard announced that there is a Student Activities Council open mic night at Fountain City Coffee tonight.

It was also announced that CSU's club football team will play again on Sunday, 4 October at 2pm in Kinnett Stadium. There will be t-shirts and hot dogs sold to benefit the team.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:25am

Respectfully submitted by
Christine Murphey