

Staff Council Meeting – October 16, 2008

Before our meeting – Michelle handed out the revised by-laws, the meeting agenda and the staff advisory excellence nomination form for us to look at and discuss.

Meeting was called to order by Michelle DeLoach, Chair, at 10:10 a.m.

Present:

Michelle DeLoach
Max Brown
Scott Argo
Judy Cooke

Tamara Martin
Bill Blanchard
Patricia Harris
Maggie Witherington

Janice DeLoach
Lynda Lotz
Dane Scarf

Judy motioned to approve the minutes from the September 18 meeting – Scott 2nd the motion – minutes were approved.

No Treasury report – Georgann was out.

Committee Reports:

Maggie reported on Employee Benefit Committee Meeting. They discussed long-term care options; however, no decisions if this will be offered were made. The benefits fair was also a topic of conversation.

Bill reported on the recycling committee meeting. The chair, this year, is Pamela Jackson. We are going to host an ASU Recycling day on Tuesday, November 18, at 7:00 a.m. in the JSAC Student Center. There will be a guest speaker talking about recycling and what you can do to help. We will have labeled containers for the event (ex. For cans, bottles, papers, etc.). Bill passed around a paper showing a recycling container we can get from Coca Cola to help in the efforts of recycling. They also discussed doing a campus wide contest of labels for the campus containers to help get folks involved in the recycling effort.

Unfinished Business:

Patricia is to check on the report to send to Randle.

There was also a mix up in the ordering of the plaques and Michelle will check with Randle on the status.

Michelle talked with Dr. Dodd and he stated that there is no “official written policy” of staff advising a student which was a question brought up in meetings past. It is best that a faculty member does this job, as this is part of their job; however, a staff member is not prohibited in doing so also.

Best Idea Worksheets – this needs to be e-mailed to Michelle by next **Friday, October 24, 2008** (don't forget).

New Business:

The new Staff Excellence nomination form was discussed. One of the changes that were made and agreed upon is this form will no longer be anonymous amongst the council members when voting occurs. Other than that, this form needs to go back to the drawing board – it was agreed that it was severely lacking in fairness, being un-ratable, and would be difficult and tedious to fill out. Michelle called this form to be sent back to the larger committee which Maggie will lead and call a meeting to discuss and brainstorm.

Miscellaneous:

Michelle said a Heart Felt Thank you to everyone on the council for their efforts, time and work that went into the items sent with Michelle and Janice to the state Staff Council Meeting at Kennesaw. They got a lot of great ideas and it was a wonderful net-working tool. Michelle will bring more of these things that were learned to our next meeting. Thank you to **Ettie Westjohn** for the magnificent job she did on the display board! Job well done!!

Bill asked if pay raises were still under review and Judy said we are not there yet, but hopefully decisions will be coming soon. It is still President Bloodworth's intention to save the raises.

Bill motioned to adjourn the meeting – Lynda second the motion.

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be back in the IT conference room on Thursday, November 20, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.