

Staff Council Meeting – March 19, 2009

Meeting was called to order by Michelle De Loach, Chair, at 10:11 a.m.

Present:

Michelle DeLoach
Janice DeLoach
Randle Berlin

Georgann Earnest
Lynda Lotz
Scott Argo

Maggie Witherington
Dane Scarff

Committee Reports:

- Treasurers Report: Georgann reported no change and current balance approximately \$1,000.
- University Council: Michelle reported that the President said there will be no furloughs at this time but would not rule out the possibility in the future.
- Intellectual Properties Committee, Affirmative Action Committee, and Employee Benefits Committee: no report
- IT Committee: Randle stated the committee met to discuss student technology fees. Requests for funding have been granted for A/Y 2009 and letters will be going out shortly. The committee was also looking into increasing student technology fees.
- Physical Facilities Committee: Lynda stated the committee met Monday and there were six comments/complaints addressed at that time. Concerns were addressed for wiring with lab on third floor of Allgood Hall, shortage of hand dryers in ladies rooms, lighting behind UH, exit doors in UH, library requests to remove glass wall and relocate reference counter and phone. Therese Rosier has handled most of these complaints already and will follow through on the remainder.
- Recycle Committee, Alternate Dispute Resolution Committee, Honors Committee, By-Laws Committee: no report.
- Elections Committee: no report at this time but this committee needs to meet to get ready for elections.
- Sports Committee: no report at this time but Michelle stated that this committee needs to meet to get ready for “Night with the Green Jackets”.
- Staff & Department Excellent Committee: Michelle stated that department award needs to be determined shortly. Staff Excellence for Spring Semester will be voted on today.
- Web Page Committee: Randle stated that the Web page is complete.
- Holiday Bins, Holiday Giveaway: n/a at this time.

Unfinished Business:

- E-mail addresses for constituents – Randle reported he is working on it.
- Thank you notes for other Staff Excellence nominees – Lynda, Dane and Michelle discussed this prior to meeting and again with all present. It was decided that this would be done only once yearly around the time of the awards ceremony.

New Business

- Plaques for award must be ordered – lag time 10 days.
- It was discussed to change the staff excellence award year to be Summer-Fall-Spring and these plaques to be awarded at the spring awards ceremony. All agreed.
- Dane suggested we assist Wes Zamzow with funding for tickets to the basketball game in Springfield, but after discussions among members it was decided that no funds are available at this time to due to future ideas and necessary funding needed for staff excellence for spring, plaques for fall and spring winners, and possible gifts for Staff Appreciation Week.
- Best ideas sheets were passed out to all present and Michelle will get this information to absentee members. Michelle stated she would like everyone to review and expand on two ideas for the next year and come to the next meeting prepared to discuss this.
- Staff Appreciation Week(SAW) is April 20th and Maggie and Michelle placed themselves on the campus committee. Discussions about having a Jaguar Olympics and fun stuff was discussed and was added as a possible night time activity. Progressive snacking will remain on schedule this year.
- Randle stated it is hard for staff members to stay late since they have children at home and family members are not allowed to participate in activities. Maggie stated that family fun days are for students only and staff is not allowed to attend. Randle also stated that if there was a staff event off campus, since we would be associated with ASU, we would have to act accordingly.
- We decided to remove Jaguar Olympics from Staff Appreciation Week and try to host it ourselves later in the year.
- It was stated by Maggie and Michelle that Staff Appreciation Week committee members are the same as they have been for years with the new addition being Ettie Westjohn. They stated that this year, because we got involved too late, we could not do anything different except continue with what was done in the past.
- It was mentioned that maybe we should invite Dan Whitfield to our meeting to see what we can and cannot do for staff to come up with new ideas.
- Michelle asked that we try and collect restaurant gift certificates for SAW.
- Staff Appreciation Award was voted on for the Spring Semester. The winner will be announced on April 2.

The meeting was adjourned at this time.