

## **SAC General Meeting August 8, 2006**

Members Present: Kim Bell, Susan Ginn, Teri Day, Landa Moss, Loretta Barker, Tammy Montgomery, Laurie Thompson

Excused Absences: NONE

Called to Order: 3:09pm

Guest Speaker: Dr. Dawn Remmers, Director of University Advising and Student Success and Co-Chair of the Conversations Team: OneBook

Dr. Remmers spoke about the newest campus project, OneBook. OneBook provides an opportunity for all of the campus community to be involved with one another with discussions of the book. The book chosen for this semester is entitled *The Kite Runner*. The theme that everyone is supposed to draw from the book is power. Faculty members will be holding brown-bag lunch discussions on the book. Nursing, Criminal Justice, Physics, and other departments will also be holding discussions with their main topic being 'power'. September 1, 2006 there will be a Wine, Cheese and Conversation for faculty and staff in the University Club, from 4-6pm, to give the staff an opportunity to discuss the book. RSVP is preferred. For further information, email [dremmers@uta.edu](mailto:dremmers@uta.edu) or visit [www.uta.edu/onebook](http://www.uta.edu/onebook) or [www.uta.edu/conversations](http://www.uta.edu/conversations). Online book clubs and study guides will be available on the websites. Dr. Remmers also stated that they are in talks with the author to possibly be available via teleconference to assist with an essay contest that is being held for the students. Scholarships will be available for the winners of the contest. Dr. Remmers provided a copy of the book to everyone present during the meeting.

### Announcements:

- Board of Regents is visiting campus this Wednesday and Thursday, August 9-10, 2006.
- There will be no work-study job fair during Mav Move-In Day.
- Crystal Campbell, employee with OIT, asked help creating a ride-share program for the employees. Loretta advised that Michael Moore suggested that SAC help assist with this program.
- Tammy Montgomery is currently assisting John Hillas, Communications Chair, in getting the SAC webpage up to date.
- Parking Decals expire at the end of this month. Please remember to stop by the parking office and get your new decal.
- Human Resources is having informational sessions on the new Pay Plan. Please find time to attend one of the meetings if possible. Colin Sanor advised that they

have added two additional meetings, August 17<sup>th</sup> from 2-3pm and August 18<sup>th</sup> from 10-11am.

- Annual Residence Hall Move-In Mania will be August 24<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up to volunteer if you have the extra time.
- There is a CPR Training study open to Faculty and Staff.
- Benefits committee is currently working on the staff picnic. The date is scheduled for sometime in October.
- Dana Winter, Treasurer, submitted her resignation from the Executive Board via email to Loretta Barker and Tammy Montgomery. Therefore there are two current positions open on the Executive Committee, Treasurer and Parliamentarian.
- Nominations and elections for the Executive committee will be held during next month's meeting. The Executive committee terms are one year. (September thru August)
- It was asked how many hours does an employee have to dedicate to SAC during a month. The by-laws state that an employee is allowed 4 hours in addition to council meetings.
- The Staff Forum was held on July 26<sup>th</sup> in the Rosebud Theatre. There was several information questions submitted as well as asked during the forum. As soon as Tammy becomes familiar with the software for the webpage, all questions will be posted to the SAC website.
- The Shorthorn did write a small article on the Forum; however, it misrepresented SAC entirely. The Executive committee will be submitting a letter to the editor when the fall semester begins.

Meeting Ended: 4:00pm