

Staff Advisory Committee
General Meeting
November 8, 2005

Loretta Barker called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm.

The following representatives were present: Odilon Arambula, Loretta Barker, Kimberly Bell, Jennifer Bradley, Teresa Brasher, Susan Ginn, Matt Hendricks, Kimshi Hickman, Sharon Karger, Patricia Madison, Tammy Montgomery, Sheri Nayeri, Laurie Thompson, Colleen Verdier, Labetta Wallenmeyer, Dana Winter, Sarah Densmore, Helen Eustace, John Hillas, Pamela McBride and Amber Zuckerman. The following guests were also present Seth Ressler from Student Activities, Paul Fisch and Robert James from Human Resources and Greg Bateson. It was established that a quorum was present.

SPEAKERS

Robert James spoke regarding the UT EID. He spoke about having an email prompt, which will indicate new earnings statement each month. Your UT EID will help less usage of your Social Security number.

Greg Bateson gave a report regarding the Employee Advisory Committee that consists of all the UT components. It is a 3 year term appointed by the President and he is on the Benefits Committee, along with Janis Walkup. The Benefits committee makes sure that there is equity between all components. There will be changes to the retirement plan. You can talk to Angela Osburn in HR for any questions here at UT Arlington.

Scott Ressler of Student Activities/UTA Volunteers spoke about how they plan and organize Community Service for students, but is willing to work with Staff/Faculty also. A few activities coming up for the month of November are a Food Drive for Tarrant County Food Bank, Salvation Army Angel Tree, City of Arlington "Parade of Lights", Fort Worth "Parade of Lights". If you would like to participate you can contact Seth at seth@uta.edu. On November 8, 7 pm there will be a Hunger Banquet. It will be a \$1 donation or a non-perishable item. On November 15, experience "One Night without a Home" for 24 hours, experience being homeless on the Library Mall.

Minutes

Tammy Montgomery made a motion to accept the minutes. Dana Winters seconded it. The quorum voted to accept.

Treasurer's Report

We collected \$879.19 for the Webb Holiday party. \$900 was on account from last year. We purchased \$600 in \$50 Wal-mart gift cards for the Katrina Staff volunteers that housed Katrina victims in thanks for their generosity.

Committees

Benefit Committee - Amber Zuckerman informed us regarding benefits. Cingular gives 10% off to all UTA faculty/Staff. Health Services is having a mini health screen on November 30 and December 2. Available to all Staff, Faculty, students and spouses.

The committee would like to sponsor a "Taste of UT-Arlington". Have vendors to offer any offers/benefits that they may have and have a chili cook-off with a \$10 fee for any department that would like to participate with the money being used for the Outreach program. Would like to hold this event on March 15th. A motion by Loretta Barker was made to accept this event. Tammy Montgomery seconded it.

The Staff picnic will be held in September or October to help kick off the school year.

Would also like to set up a get acquainted with other SAC members. Call it "Getting SAC'ed". Bring a lunch and get to know each other.

John Hillas made a request for an Amendment to add to the SAC By-laws. This is to evaluate representation and voting rights for Representatives and Alternates. We the Executive Committee for SAC 2006 propose this to be effective November 15, 2005. It reads as follows: We propose an amendment to state: The distinction between Representatives and Alternates is to be abolished effective immediately. Upon passage of this amendment, all current and future members will be awarded voting rights. A quorum shall be established when 15 members are present.

Voting will be conducted via Internet between November 8-11, 2005.

We have no representative for District 3.

Laurie Thompson would like to serve on the By-laws committee.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Colleen Verdier