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STAFF ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, December 14, 2000 * 2:00 p.m. * 3:10 p.m.
Regents Board Room

PRESENT: Bill Moody, Joelle Eyre, Belinda Rowley, Tammy Melton, Brent Johnson, Becky Stucker, Wes Brinkerhoff

Excused: Connie Nyman, Marlo Jensen, Joyce Messer

Visitor: Dorian Page

Call to Order

Minutes

Minutes from November 9, 2000 were read. Wes made a motion to accept the minutes with a second by Belinda. It was approved unanimously.

Officer's Reports

Bill handed out copies of a new Utah Higher Education Funding Formula that has been devised by the State Board of Regents, USHE and members of the Legislature. There was also a press release from the Governor's office regarding huge funding increases for higher education.

Wes reported that the UHESA (which represents 30,000 state employees) Analysis Committee sent letters to legislators encouraging them to support the Governor's proposed budget for higher education. This is an important year for higher education because of the funds that are available. Dorian Page would encourage all staff members to write the legislators encouraging them to support the Governor's budget. This needs to be seen as an investment not an expense.

Joelle reported on last month's expenditures. \$45.00 was paid out for sympathy flowers.

Old Business

Bill and Wes reported on the legislative training, which was held on December 4, 2000. Jim Cook from the University of Utah presented a power point demonstration on the web regarding legislators and their districts, voting records, etc. It was a great training.

Outstanding Faculty/Staff plaques have been moved to the wall next to the Financial Aid Office.

Remember that the Executive Committee meeting that was scheduled for Thursday, January 11 has been moved to Thursday, January 18.

New Business

Bill would like to explore the idea of a floating holiday. He proposes that the floating holiday would be the harvest holiday. Bill will look into polling the students and Wes will have Marlo visit with the Faculty Senate in order to get some feedback on whether or not to pursue the issue.

Committee Reports

Brent reported that the committee looking into a new catastrophic leave policy had come to the conclusion that nothing would be gained. In fact what is already in place is adequate and changes may result in losing some benefits.

Tammy reported that she has found that the other institutes of higher learning in Utah have a similar structure for representation. Bill would still like to see every department at SUU be represented on the Executive Committee of the Staff Association. Tammy and her committee will explore other options.

Executive Session

Wes made a motion for executive session that was seconded by Brent. It was approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.