

SUU Staff Association
Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2004
3 p.m.
Admission's Conference Room

In attendance: Annette Murray, Barbara Rodriguez, Lauri Lamb, Stacia Thomas, Shon Spevak, Casey Bowns, Paula Alger, Kim Ille, David Rees

Not in attendance: Dale Orton

Call to order. First order of business discuss agenda items.

Agenda items:

1. Fall social update: social was great success! \$2,000 was paid to Food Services. Approximate head count 225. Clark & Linford were overpaid for the plaques; they will be sending a reimbursement, but not sure what amount. All thank you cards have been sent and all gifts-in-kind acknowledged. Annette received many responses from local business owners indicating their appreciation for the timely thank you gestures. Annette also received many approvals from fellow staff members remarking that the social was very enjoyable and well received.

2. Legislative committee: 5 staff indicated a willingness to act as liaisons. Eric Tait, Pennie Copley, Lois Bulloch, Jake Johnson and Andrea Wilcox. UHESA's expectations are that SUU would have training completed, which could include ideas as viewing video detailing appropriate methods for contacting legislators. Caution must be applied when approaching legislators and suggestion is to ensure that issues are researched and comparisons made before asking for line items. Jake Johnson was voted to fill the position with the others serving on his committee. Annette is to get with Jake and bring up to speed on training issues and deadlines. Benefits and raises are key concerns this legislative session. Dave commented that discussions during faculty senate indicate a need to prepare for continued degrading of benefit package, not just within SUU but state-wide.

3. Survey: volunteers were called for. Motion made, seconded and approved to form survey committee with Annette, Lauri, Stacia and Casey as members. Some proposed issues to be included on survey are questions such as "how can the Staff Association better serve you", "would you like to be better informed about issues relating to benefits and salaries (and others)", "would you be interested in having the Sorenson PE facilities as a wellness benefit", "would you like to see staff association hold a semi-annual staff association informational meeting. Committee to meet on Tuesday, September 28th to finalize survey. Survey will be emailed to everyone for approval. On a related issue, Dave Rees invited Annette to attend a meeting he has with Mike Richards, on Tuesday, September 28th @ 10 a.m. to discuss campus usage of PE building as a benefit at either free or reduced cost. Dave and Annette to report findings during next Association meeting.

4. Scholarships: Suggestion is to set up a system for staff to have the choice of ongoing payroll deduction, year-to-year payroll deduction, or one-time payment. Annette to talk with Seth Armstrong for donation letter format. Motion made, seconded and approved to table scholarship issue until next staff association meeting, at which time a final decision will be made.

6. UHESA survey: Barbara will contact Brian Foisy about his source of information for survey information given last year. Motion made, seconded and approved to table this issue until next meeting.

Motion made, seconded and approved to adjourn.