

SUU Staff Association Minutes

January 21, 2010, 11:00 am

Purchasing Office Conference Room

Present: Travis Rosenberg, Julie Larmore, Mike Humes, Paula Mitchell, Bryant Flake, Mark Miller, Bruce Barclay, Bruce Tebbs & Lindsay Fullerton.

Excused: James Loveland

Items of Business

Approval of December Minutes:

- Paula motioned to approved the minutes as amended, Julie seconded the motion, all approved unanimously.

Awards Update:

- Bruce Barclay reported that the Distinguished Service Award recipients had been picked. He stated that the procedure they were using for the Outstanding Staff Awards was not working and his committee did not produce results. The Staff Association Committee gave suggestions and ideas. Bruce was told he could use any of the ideas suggested so his committee could make a decision.
- It was decided that to avoid any future confusion we will discuss this topic at a future meeting to outline specific procedures for determining the winners.
- The committee will discuss changing the nomination process so that the distinguished service award form is less detailed and the outstanding staff award form is more detailed.

Volunteer Leave Policy:

- Travis distributed the current version of the volunteer leave policy. He will make the committees' recommended changes and submit the newest version electronically to the committee for a vote.

UHESA Day at the Capitol:

- Travis announced that Jake Johnson sent an email about the UHESA Day at the Capitol. It is scheduled for Thursday, February 4. Anyone who wishes to go can ride in the reserved van that will leave at 5:00am that day.

Staff Association Scholarship:

- Travis announced that the Staff Association Scholarship due date this year will be March 26th. The committee determined that the notification email for this will go out on February 22nd giving applicants a little over a month to complete the application and obtain their letter of recommendation.

“Wellness” Leave:

- Travis received a letter from an entity on campus requesting that employees are given the option to take “Wellness Leave” for 3 hours a week if they are not using the “Class release time leave.” After discussion on both sides of the issue the committee decided it would be best to push for getting money back into the T-Fit program and potentially reducing the course fee for faculty and staff to workout taking the weight lifting class, as that would allow for release time if enrolled in the class.

Updates & Discussion:

- Mike Humes announced that the new committee members for the training committee are: Lauri Garfield, Dina Nielson, and Meaghan Cottam.
- Julie Larmore distributed a current budget report.
- Next meeting will be Thursday, February 18th at 11:00 am.