

STAFF ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

October 10, 2007

PRESENT

Andy Bernstein, Judy Chestnut, Nancy Clubb, Barbara Dessureau, Laurie Fasciano, Lynn Galvin, Evelyn Haldimann, Edward Lazaroff, Ellen Levasseur, Maria Marques, Jim Mello, Therese Morris, Melissa O'Brien, Sandi O'Donnell, Lisa Parker, Jason Pomposelli, Amy Rodenbush, Linda Rybacki, Jennifer Sahr, Jennifer Sanborn, Bonny Stoecklin, Lois Vanesse, Connie Yoczik, Linda Zigmont

PRESIDENT REPORT

Jason Pomposelli opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. The September SA minutes were accepted. Don Rizzo, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, selected the winner of the Dionne Warwick tickers – Marlene Hall. The tickets a donor gift – the donor also donated 2 tickets to the faculty and 2 tickets to the students.

OLD BUSINESS

Job posting policy change was formalized and became effective on 9/27/07. There was some discussion/issues with the procedure followed. After changes were made to the SA original policy members felt that the changes should have been sent back to the SA for review before the policy was implemented.

Thanksgiving Luncheon will be at the 1877 on November 7, 2007 at a cost of \$7 to SA members. The 1877 will be open that day for regular business so the SA will only have 100 seats for the luncheon. Flyers will be going out to SA members next week. SA will also be collecting non-perishable food items and items for Project Horizons Underwear Drive. Project Horizon is looking for underwear, socks, etc. preferable for men (65-75% of the shelters population are men). Donations can also be dropped off with Lynn Galvin Hillyer 200.

Sue Landolina is once again collecting travel size toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, etc) for "bags of love." The bags are prepared each year and distributed to Hartford shelters through Project Horizon. Please drop off any donations to Sue (GSU 154, ext. 4413).

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Benefits Task Force – Insurance packets have been sent out and must be returned to HRD by October 26, 2007.

MEMBERSHIP – 149 members, 34 are new members

NEW BUSINESS

Jason met with Shaun Kraftoper of Athletics about the SA having a portion of the VIP section at a basketball game at a reduced price or the North Gallery.

Jason will be speaking about SA and what we do on November 8th to the Faculty Senate.

It was requested that the SA look into the university providing a comfortable place on campus for people to smoke and if it were possible for the university to set up a pool in which employees

could put in unused vacation time for employees with health problems etc. could use. Lynn Galvin stated that this has come up at the Benefits Task Force meetings and she will bring it up at the next meeting.

GUEST SPEAKERS – ANNUAL FUND – Andy Bernstein, Jennifer Sahr

Andy Bernstein, Director of the Annual Fund and Jennifer Sahr, Assistant Director of the Annual Fund gave a presentation about the Annual Fund which featured a faculty member, a staff member and two students and what each would do if they received an Annual Fund gift. The presentation highlighted some of the areas that the Annual Fund supports such as student scholarships, upgrading library and computer resources, brings special exhibitions and performances to the campus, increase instructional equipment and materials.

GUEST SPEAKERS – UNITED WAY – Donna Cathey

Donna Cathey spoke about her organization, Our Piece of the Pie, which is supported by the United Way. The organization's mission is to assist Hartford youth to become successful adults through education (completion of a 2-4 year trade school, university) and employment (meaningful wage and full time). At this time there are 3,000 students in the program, 258 are in college and 300 are employed full time.

Next Meeting will be October 24th at 1:00 p.m. in the Henry Roberts Room in the CC building; President Harrison will be speaking about the strategic plan.

Linda Zigmont
Recording Secretary