

## **STAFF ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES**

### **September 10, 2008**

#### **PRESENT**

Ellie Cherry, Barbara Dessureau, Carla Fuller, Donna Galin, Lynn Galvin, Sally Henowitz, Fred Jenoure, Ellen Levasseur, Jim Mello, Sandi O'Donnell, Lisa Parker, Jason Pomposelli, Jennifer Sanborn, Sharon Scorso, Terry Spencer, Jan Stephens, Bony Stoecklin, Jillian Vollentine, Martha Whitehead, Connie Yoczik, Linda Zigmont,

#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Previous SA meeting minutes were approved.

#### **SPEAKERS**

Fred Jenoure, Special Assistant to the President and University Ombudman, students Adam Matloff and Christina LaPlume spoke about Relay for Life, a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. The student-run overnight team-oriented walking event will take place at the Gengras Student Union and on the Gengras Lawn. The event will begin on Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3 pm and will end on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 9 am. Organizers are hoping that SA members will form teams and make donations to the teams (checks payable to American Cancer Society). As of Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, there were 35 teams signed up and the students have raised over \$9000. Signups are taking place in GSU Suisman Lounge; cost is \$10 for registration and each participant will get a tee shirt. Students will also be selling luminaries for \$5 before and during the event. The first lap of the walk will be taking by cancer survivors. For more information or to registrar a team please log on to [www.hartford.edu/relayforlife](http://www.hartford.edu/relayforlife).

#### **BTF (BENEFITS TASK FORCE)**

Every 3 years BTF looks at university's broker – Chris Munroe with RC Knox is the current broker. The BTF interviewed 6 brokers – all excellent and well qualified – and submitted 2 brokers to President Harrison and the board.

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

Membership increased from 154 last year to 161 this year. Any building rep that brought in a new member was eligible for a raffle for 1877 gift certificate, Marcia Suess from Student Affairs won.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Jason is working with Athletics to get the VIP seating at a discounted price for a game for the SA. He is also looking for any suggestions members have about trips or events for the coming year. Please contact Jason if you have any ideas.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

A new University Wellness Committee has formed on campus to encourage healthy choices; members of the committee include Jim Mello, Melissa Camerato, Karen Breda and HRD. The committee will be sponsoring a wellness fair on October 8 from 11-2 at the sports center.

There is a SA position open on the BAT (Budget Advisory Team) due to Sue Spies leaving the university. Five SA members contacted Jason about the position, Paula Poplawski, Toni Robinson, Lorelle Wilson, Sharon Scorso and Bonny Stoecklin. Since only two names can be submitted to President Harrison it was suggested that we use survey monkey to come up with the two names.

Values Committee would like to meet with SA for their input and feedback. Meeting will be Tuesday, September 23 from 1:00 -2:00 pm in the Henry Roberts Room. An email will be sent by the SA informing all SA members of the meeting.

A nominating committee needs to be form by October. Sue Fitzgerald has volunteered to by on the committee, anyone else interested in volunteering please contact Jason.

### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

RAD (Rape Aggressive Defense System) program needs a new padded defense suit for the instructor and is looking for donations. This course is open to students, faculty and staff and includes lectures, discussion and self defense techniques for women of all ages and abilities.

There were questions as to why Java City is no longer making sandwiches at lunch. Goodwin Café in the library is open from 8 am to 12 pm and the Commons is still offering lunch for \$5.00.

Direction of the SA was brought up – who are we, where are we headed, many felt we needed to be a more organized group whose voice is heard and respected by university community and who deals with issues. It was suggested that we survey SA membership for their thoughts and views on this subject using survey monkey.

Next meeting will be on October 8 at 1:00 pm in GSU 335; Provost Lynn Pasquerella will speak about the Strategic Plan.

Linda Zigmont  
Recording Secretary