

STAFF ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES
March 11, 2009

PRESENT

Bonny Barsi, Valerie Bolden-Barrett, Elinor Cherry, Judy Chestnut, Carol Courtney, Barbara Dessureau, Nancy Fields, Carla Fuller, Donna Galin, Lynn Galvin, Evelyne Haldimann, Colleen Kruger, Ellen Levasseur, Maria Marques, Jim Mello, Sandi O'Donnell, Lisa Parker, Jason Pomposelli, Jennifer Sanborn, Sharon Scorso, Terry Spencer, Bonny Stoecklin, Lois Vanesse, Jillian Vollentine, Martha Whitehead, Connie Yoczik, Linda Zigmont, Dawn Zumbroski

PRESIDENT REPORT

Jason Pomposelli opened the meeting at 1:03 p.m. The February SA minutes were accepted with one minor change which had already been corrected on the website.

STAFF ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

PTO – No new information, Jason has inquired about when new planned will be rolled out and dates and times of town hall meetings.

BAT – working on a 3 year contingency plan should enrollment fall below projections.

WELLNESS – Hawk Walk was a great success, total of 42,000 miles walked. At the celebration luncheon all participates were given a certificate and water bottle. They are planning a Spring into Wellness health fair on April 29, there will be vendors, activities, door prizes, etc. more information to follow.

TREASURER – Balance \$2302.25 does not include cost of Thanksgiving luncheon

MEMBERSHIP – Currently 173 members

OLD BUSINESS

Jason is meeting with John Michalewicz to discuss the process of snow removal – which areas of the campus are priorities, and also to relate how much better the snow removal was during the last snow storm.

Jim Mello summarized the SA feedback about the strategic plan to the Council of Deans. The goal is for the strategic plan to be finalized by May.

SPEAKERS

Sharon Scorso spoke about Community Day, which will be April 18 from 11-3. There will be more than 50 events, attractions and performances. Some of the new events this year are Hot Air Balloon Rides, Safari Walking Animals (mechanical rides), new performances include The Taubl Family (finalists on America's Got Talent), Poe's Poetry Marathon (presented by the President's College), and author Bill Farrell (university alumni) will appear in full fishing gear, teaching the children about fishing and reading his book, "Walter's Pond". The Center for Community Service will be collecting non-perishable food items to donate to Foodshare. New events are being added daily – go to www.hartford.edu/communityday/ for the latest information. This year if you would like to volunteer for community day you can do so online. Kristy Serverino, Director of Student Centers, has designed a volunteer website which can be accessed from the main community day site.

Sue Fitzgerald, chair of the nominating committee, reported the results of the election. Out of 173 SA members 105 members voted and every position was a contested race. The new officers will be installed at the April meeting.

President: Jim Mello

Vice President: Evelyne Haldimann

Membership Director: Karen Schermerhorn

Treasurer: Ellie Cherry

Corresponding Secretary: Lynn Galvin

Recording Secretary: Judy Chestnut

Hannah Chase & Tom Entwistle – UofH Relay for Life Team Recruitment co-chairs 2009
Hannah and Tom gave a brief presentation about Relay for Life. Last year they had 45 teams and raised \$45,000 – largest fundraising event on campus that is run by students. They would like to have 75 teams and raise \$75,000 this year with more staff and faculty support and involvement. Both students were very enthusiastic about the event and stressed what a positive experience it was for all students participating. This year Relay for Life will be October 9 and 10 and will take place on GSU lawn, with plenty of food and activities. The recruitment team is having a design your own T-shirt for purple day event on March 23 7:30-11 pm in Konover Great Room and on March 25 they are asking everyone on campus to wear purple in support of Relay. SA members can sign up teams at www.relayforlife.org/uhart. If SA members would like more information about forming a team or other participation in Relay please contact uharelayteams@gmail.com. For general questions about the event, please contact relay@hartford.edu.

NEW BUSINESS/DISCUSSION

There will be a University Day of Prayer – May 5 from 12:15 – 1:40 pm in Auerbach Auditorium with refreshments following the service. If you want more information please contact Maria Marques.

There was a discussion about the lack of training and professional development available for staff members. Colleen Kruger stated that The Center for Professional Development offers many seminars and passed out a brochure about it. SA members can also go to hartford.edu/cfpd for information. The next Women's Wednesday's topic will be "Your Signature for Success" and Jennifer Sanborn is always open to suggestion for future meetings.

SA members have expressed concerns about changes regarding financial accounting policies and forms. Jason has sent an email to Kim Kennison asking her to attend a future SA meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm. Next meeting will be April 8, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. in the Simsbury Suite, Gengras Student Union Room 335.

Linda Zigmont
Recording Secretary