

Professional Staff Senate Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2009

Present: Mary Carstens, Terri Heggemeyer, Valerie Knight, Jamie Mackling, Nick Muir,

Absent: Amy Carpenter, Kevin Halle, Marilyn Yates

Guests: Lin Brummels

Call to Order:

Senate Chair Nick Muir called the meeting to order at 2:00pm.

Minutes:

Minutes of the September 10, 2009, meeting will be presented for approval at the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

A deposit of \$60.50 was made on September 23. Balance is \$457.65. The dues announcement will remain active for another two weeks. The motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Mentoring: (Lin) – One mentoring request was made and matched.

Social: (Marilyn) – No Report. However, in the past we have had a mid-term potluck.

Recognition: (Valerie) – No Report

Continuing Ed: (Mary)

- Oct 7-8 – Annual "Pi Gamma Mu Book & Bake Sale" – 8am-3pm, Connell Hall Lobby
- Oct 8-9 – HHPS Department hosting the Northland Chapter of the American College of Sports Medicine (NACSM) Fall Meeting.
- Oct 8 – Counseling Center Workshop – "Roommate Issues" – 3pm, Counseling Center, SC 103
- Nov 6 – Counseling Center Workshop – "Crazy Love – Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) Attachment & Stockholm Syndrome" – 3pm, Counseling Center, SC 103
- Through Oct 9 – Art Faculty Show – Nordstrand Visual Arts Gallery – 9am-4:30, Mon-Fri while classes are in session. Call 375-7355 for details.
- Oct 4 – Nov 29 – "A Tribute to the Space Shuttle" – WSC Planetarium, Carhart Science, Every Sunday at 3:30pm – No admission
- Library Training Sessions – Electronic Resource Review (Oct 15, 3pm & Oct 27, 10am), Changes to APA & MLA (Oct 13, 10am; Oct 21, 10am; & Oct 29, 3pm), Endnote Web (Oct 8, 3pm; Oct 12, 3pm; Oct 21, 2pm; & Oct 27, 9am) - Email asklibrary@wsc.edu or Call 375-7443 to reserve a seat.
- Nov 5 – "Jobs Available with the Federal Government" presentation sponsored by Career Services– 2pm & 5:15pm – Gardner Hall, Rm 114
- Recreation Center is offering Latin Dance classes over the noon hour

Membership: (Heather) - No Report

Hospitality: (Dorothy)

- Baby Card – Denise Mostik, OA in Education
- Sympathy Card – Heather Leise on death of husband
- Thinking of You Card – Lois Nuernberger

Policy: (Kevin)

- On September 28, the IRS announced that "employers can let workers transfer the value of ... unused leave to their 401(k) or profit-sharing accounts" for anyone who has unused vacation or sick time at the end of the year or at retirement. More details will be emailed to the membership.
- Nebraska state law has recently been changed to allow dependant students up to age 30 to stay on parent health insurance.

Communication: (Ron) - No Report

New Business:

- Proposed dates for the 2010 PSS Recognition Brunch are June 10 & 17. We need to check registration dates for the admissions office before setting a date. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays would work better.
- The Senate is interested in making a donation to the Campus Commons for the purchase of a bench. We are waiting for a response.
- No recent budget meetings have been held.
- The Board of trustees meets here at WSC Nov 12-13. We need to determine if focus groups will be held.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 2:40pm

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, November 11, 2009 in the Blue Stem Room at the Student Center.

Minutes prepared by Valerie Knight – Secretary