

May 17, 2006 Staff Assembly Board Meeting

Present: Kathy, Nasser, Eric, Katie, Jan, Robb and Mary

Absent: Connie, Jeanette, Janna

The meeting began at Noon.

Past Presidents Run update: There was a meeting with the committee. Food already set up and donated. Music- waiting to hear from KUCR. banner and water bottles. Lot 25 reserved. T-shirts will be given away. There have been several Scot mail announcements. The event will be held at the Student Recreation Center track. Joan Dillon has been contacted several times regarding liability issues. A person trained in CPR will be there. The participant with the most funds raised will win a pizza party prize. Hula golf will also be an activity available. The event will be held June 2nd at 11:00-1:00 p.m. Perhaps next year we could have a Treadmill Machine challenge. Students, faculty and staff will be eligible to participate. It's good as long as no "non-UCR" people participate. Robb will be giving out receipts to participants confirming he received the funds. Another Scot-mail will go out indicating there is a sign-up. Mary will request something from the insurance carriers.

Kathy talked about the Footsteps to Freedom proposal. We agreed that it is a worthy cause. We didn't think we could use the Chancellor's discretionary funds for an activity like this. Kathy said we could get a group of sponsors to support this effort. It was discussed that we could add a category in the scholarship program. Or another thought is to have an actual event to benefit this specific event. Partnering with other departments on campus might allow us to fund an activity. We could add a fundraiser during the year to fund this type of event. Eric shared that administering scholarships over the year is a much bigger process with the new criteria. This activity could be under "personal growth" scholarship. There might be better ties on campus to provide funding for this type of thing. Kathy asked if we could let Jeanette be involved in this discussion. We could profile him in "Bear Essentials" and encourage him to apply for a scholarship. We could also use our personal contacts to shepherd some funding for him. It's very rare that we have \$2000 to just give out. Nasser thought he was looking for some help, not the whole thing covered from one source. If Curtis does a fundraiser, maybe we could help him with fundraising activities. That way we are not setting up another scholarship. Kathy summarized we could help him by 1) an article in Bear Fact. 2) Made a motion to discuss this item at the June meeting. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Financial Statement was distributed. His goal was to move all funds to the Chancellors discretionary fund for year-end. We have one outstanding expenditure- monies deposited to the Staff Morale Committee. Kathy will check with Kareem in the Chancellor's Office on transferring the funds to the Staff Assembly General Fund. Robb is still trying to get a tax ID number. If we do that we verify we are "not for profit" which means we can't carry over money every year. It causes a lot less flexibility. If we didn't have a checking account we would be limited to within the University system but that has drawbacks as well. Bobbie McCracken felt we use the UC systems but we operate outside the regular parameters. We could look at the "affiliates"

and see how they are done. Kathy mentioned we did ask for appropriation for next year from the Chancellor's office. When asked if we will be solvent on June 30, 2006, Robb answered "absolutely."

2. Idol at the Beach. Plans are going along. Two contestants only. Any ideas please contact Janna or Kathy. Last year's judges and MC, Andy, are back. It's going along and Jeanette is working with Janna on logistics.
3. Board elections: Ballots are out. Mindy Matthews is collection point. We should send out a couple more scot-mails. We have until Friday, May 26 to vote. Encourage colleagues to vote. Last year total was really low: 150. The ballot was sent out to those who don't have e-mail. Two offices are contested. Recording Secretary and Communications.
4. Scholarship Programs: behind schedule. Delivered to committee this week. Will catch up soon. Katie asked if names would be available by June 12th.

Board Updates:

Eric: None

Jan: None

Mary: Minutes of Feb. and March approved

Katie: Bear Essentials out on the 12th of June. She will talk with Curtis about doing a "profile" on him. We have a jam-packed issue. This month will be a paper edition as well as electronic.

Nasser: Nothing

Kathy: CUCSA Report: June 7, 8th and 9th in Irvine. The agenda includes discussion on the Executive Compensation issue. Nasser said we may lose some supportive people at UCOP who pushed for the "staff regent" position. Manuela Martins-Green from Academic Senate asked Kathy to serve on a committee to revive the University Club. The committee includes a couple of faculty members, Luben and Federrici, and one staff member, Connie McGrath. The senior management on campus has authorized a consultant to evaluate and determine what type of services would be wanted. A survey to faculty, staff and post-docs will be distributed around June 1st.

Next meeting: June 15th. It will be a light agenda. Lunch and self congratulations are on the agenda. It will be a Thursday rather than Wednesday. There is no location as yet. Janna has scheduling conflict so Thursday will work for her.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30.