

STAFF COUNCIL MINUTES

October 8, 2008

9:30am

Student Center 213

Present: Chris Corriere, Bennie Houck, Pierrette Maillet, Sarah Milton, Crystal McClure, Kathy Roddy, Kenneth Shelton, Marilyn Shortridge, Tara Williams

Absent: John Bauer, Steve Hogan, Mary Phillips

Advisors: Steve Hamrick

Guest: Jo Galle

Old Business:

- A Meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. Pierrette welcomed everyone to the meeting, and introduced Jo Galle. Minutes from September 10th meeting were approved and posted to the web.
- B Kathy indicated that from the Agency account, 4 representatives have been paid for to attend the Staff Council meeting at Kennesaw State University. Sixteen were represented from Southern Polytechnic.
- C It was recommended that Jo Galle represent IPED Group 1. Kenneth made a motion to accept her, and Bennie seconded it. The Council voted unanimously to appoint Jo Galle as IPED Group 1 representative for the rest of the fiscal year. Group VIII has one vacancy; Sofia Vargas has moved and Arlinda Smith has been asked if she is interested in representing Group VIII.
- D Donated Leave is still being guided through the approval process to be adopted as an official P&P. Mary Phillips is overseeing that process.
- E Lee Denim Day was a great success under the enthusiastic guidance of Bennie Houck. An unprecedented total donation of \$600 was collected for research to find a cure for breast cancer.
- F Sustainability at SPSU – A short paragraph was published in last week's Hornet's Nest about how to recycle toner cartridges.

The Council discussed creating a Sustainability Marshalls Program to involve students in the effort to promote sustainable practices on

campus. Chris agreed to look into creating some talking points for the students to use in educating other students. There was a discussion about purchasing some kind of give-away to entice students to volunteer to be Marshalls. A promise card was suggested as a way for students to commit to the program. Pierrette, Kathy, Steve and Chris have agreed to look into this further.

Another idea that came up was to sponsor a brick walk by soliciting donations from faculty, staff, retirees, and alums. Donors would purchase a brick, adding their name and other information then the walk could be formed where the new Engineering Building will be built. Money that is raised would go to a special sustainability initiatives fund. One example of how the fund could be used would be to pay for motion-detection lights in all rooms at the university.

Sustainability reminder: Be sure that lights have been turned off when leaving offices, copiers turned off at night and logging off your computer at night. Chris agreed to write a short paragraph for the Hornet's Nest about turning off computers and other equipment to save energy at night.

- G Outstanding Staff Awards - \$500 to be given to each recipient (\$1500 to be requested and any remainder will be rolled over). Decision will be made on how many to award this year by the OSA Committee. Pierrette will get in touch with HR to get their approval to move the funds out of their staff recognition funds and back to the Staff Council's Foundation account, since it will be easier for Staff Council to track the Awards fund from year to year.

New Business:

- H Community Service Project – The Council agreed that we have many sustainability ideas to focus on and so do not need to take on a separate community service project at this time.
- I 2009 Holiday Schedule – Pierrette will draft a memo to the President to make a Staff Council recommendation for the 2009 holiday schedule.
- J Meetings have been scheduled for the rest of the year.
- K Meeting was adjourned in regular order at 11:00 a.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting:

November 12th 9:30 a.m. Student Center Room 213

2008-2009 Staff Council Members

Name	Category Represented	Email	Extension	Office
Pierrette Maillet (Chair)	IV	pmaillet	7702	B021
Kathy Roddy (Vice Chair)	IV	kroddy	3713	J330
Bennie Sue Houck (Secretary)	VI	bhouch	7264	B148
John Bauer	IV	jbauer	7334	V023
Chris Corriere	V	ccorrier	4547	H243
Jo Galle	I	jgalle	3724	B162
Steve Hogan	IV	shogan	3292	EX
Crystal McClure	VI	cmclure	7331	V002
Sarah Milton	VIII	smilton	7353	A
Kenneth Shelton	VII	kshelto2	7301	EV108
Marilyn Shortridge	VI	marilyn	7298	B137
Tara Williams	VIII	tjohns22	7256	EP
Stephen Hamrick (Advisor)		shamrick	7239	B130
Mary Phillips (Advisor)		mphillip	3516	B110