

TO: Staff Senate

FROM: Catherine Murphy
Senate Secretary

DATE: March 2, 2009

SUBJECT:

4. Report from Liaison

Ms. Day reported that budget process continues and she expects to have our final budget in February. The FMC and the C are continuing to work with the current economic situation.

Ms. Day reported that she met with Mr. Devers and our Strategic Initiative Request for computers has been moved to a stand alone project.

PAIRO has requested that all surveys go through them. They can assist in developing the survey to insure that the data collected is the data we want

Ms. Day will facilitate introducing anyone on the senate, wanting to do a survey, to Kate Yerkes or Valerie Taylor on PAIRO.

5. Senate Guest Presentation: Eugene Grigorescu Update on Website:

Before the beginning of Mr. Grigorescu's presentation Ms. Davis asked if she could address the senate. She said that as the Chair of the Communications Committee she was not aware that Mr. Grigorescu was making a presentation today and she would like some clarification. She said that she thought that the agenda which is put together at the Executive Committee meetings should not be changed after the Executive Committee agrees to that agenda. She said that she and the committee were left out of the loop. She asked that if the agenda is change after the Executive Committee that the Chairs of the committees be notified of the changes.

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They would also like to have another event for the staff senate, possibly before or after a Senate meeting.

The committee encourages all staff senators to attend the Boardwalk and to wear their staff senate name badges.

Staff Recognition & Excellence Awards Committee:

Sandy Watson reported that the committee received approval from the AC to take nominations for the Sursum Corda Award. All nominations will be sent to the appropriate Vice President.

By-Laws Committee: It was announced the Mr. Wetherell has stepped down as chair of the committee. Ms. Culbertson has agreed to serve as chair. Mr. Wetherell will continue to serve on the senate.

Communications Committee: Ms. Davis reported that she received an email from a staff member asking about holding Speak Out Sessions again. They were sponsored by Human Resources in the past. **The Executive Committee will discuss the feasibility of the Staff Senate sponsoring this type of session.** Mr. Hurst pointed out that his department meets four times a year where employees are given the opportunity to speak out. The clerical and professional staffs do not have that avenue. This may be the reason some staff feel that they can bring complaints to this body.

Ms. Day said that she has run these programs at other places. She noted that communication doesn't reside in one place. Communication is University problem. **She said that if we are going to embark on something like this we should come with plans**

Staff Development Committee: Mr. Hurst reported that 15 people took advantage of the computer training sessions that the committee organized.

He said that the committee has come up with a ~~list~~ of development opportunities and would like to list them on ~~the~~ website. In order to post more information on the website we need to increase the space. He reported that the survey on the alternative work week is being reviewed by PAIRO and will be brought ~~back~~ to this body for approval.

7. Old Business:

Ms. Bennett made a motion to approve the revisions made to Article I through Article VI of the By-Laws. Mr. Parry seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Status of Communications Committee report on outsourcing email will be on the next agenda.

8. New Business:

The proposed informal procedure to present new business to the Staff Senate is Item 5 of the President's Report. Mr. Murphy wof916 TD8 16 TDdv(w)6(m)1