

Staff Council Minutes

March 23, 2011

Meeting was called to order by the Staff Council President, John Lane at 2:12pm.

Minutes of the Feb. meeting were approved.

Financial Report-Lila Murray

\$300.00 was collected and deposited for the Chili Cook-off . These funds were deposited into the special events cost center. We have a total of \$1,224.37 in our special events cost center. We have \$209.35 left from a fundraiser years ago that needs to be spent. It's in a special fundraiser cost center (fund 9). EDGE Award cost center has \$4,497. The Discretionary food cost center has \$1458.06. Aramark donating in-kind gift \$1250.00 food for Staff Awards.

John Lane suggested making the Chili Cook-off an annual event on a Saturday each spring.

Chili Cook-off Liza Alonzo

We will have 16-18 teams this year: staff, alum, students and friends of staff. For safety reasons, we can only have 18 teams.

Staff Council will pre-sale tickets March 29th for \$3.00 each. Tickets will be \$5.00 at the Chili Cook-off. Only official UHD cash handlers will be able to sell tickets and collect money. We will have another meeting for the cash handlers to discuss procedures and security of funds.

There will be 5 judges. We will have vendor booths for rent at \$35 each. There will be a disc jockey for the event. Liza/John will see if Aramark or student organization wants to sell hot dogs or nachos as a food option for children. There will be an adult drink vendor for the event. John will send out more information promoting the Chili Cook-out.

Staff Award Report –Brenetta Brooks

There are approximately 51 service award recipients and approximately 7 retirees. John asked us to double check the list with B. Powell to make sure there are not discrepancies on the list. We will look at ways to cut back on expenses for the awards program. Need to send email to full-time staff about academic awards. One suggestion is to scale back decorations but not on food. John suggested that we eliminate door prizes and give-aways.

B. Brooks suggested combining the food/decoration committee. D. Shouldice will check to see what kind of decoration we have in storage. D. Shouldice and M. Henninghaus are on the decoration committee. John will need to appoint the awards selection committee. We need to start working on the awards program asap after the Chili Cook-off. B. Brooks suggested that we have the Copy Center

print the five-year certificate to decrease amount of work on the Council. John will appoint Council members to the staff awards committee if he needs to do so. That committee orders the awards. The staff nomination review committee is responsible for the nominations and protecting the integrity of the nomination/selection process.

Elections of new members will be done in June. B. Brooks will check with Heather Davis about overseeing this process. The new council will need to elect a new president-elect, secretary and treasurer.

There was some discussion about President Flores' budget outlook for UHD and staff. There much concern about the burden being carried by all.

John will add Lila to the Staff Council email distribution list.

There is concern about staff involuntary terminations. It's as though the persons never existed. We receive no information on who is currently handling the former employee's job duties. Many believe that furloughs will not save staff jobs. Many staff recognizes the difference between a RIF and a re-organization. John encouraged everyone to bring other staff to the President's next general budget meeting.

John announced the TTLC on-campus workshop April 6-7, 2011. He announced President Flores'

Meeting was adjourned at 3:23 pm