



Staff Council Meeting
December 16, 2009

Present: John Lane, Elliot Ballard, Karen Alfaro, Carmen Allen, Michelle Henninghaus, Ross Heinsohn, Minh Lam, Andrea Guillory, Teresa Sterling, Heather Davis, Debra Shouldice, Liza Alonzo, TC Wilson, Belinda Hernandez, Jermaine Roy, Michelle Falcon, Becky Van Meter

- I. The meeting was called to order at 2:12.
- II. The minutes of the November 18st meeting were approved. The motion to tape future meetings was passed.
- III. The Staff Council Support Cost Center is \$1,383.75 as of December 16th. The expenditures for the quarter included \$116.25 for the Welcome Lunch at the October 2nd meeting. The Staff Council EDGE Award Cost Center has an available balance of \$5,197 as of August 31st. The Staff Council Special Events Cost Center has an available balance of \$622.36 as of December 16th. The Staff Council Cost Center is \$209.35 as of December 16th.
- IV. **Old Business**
 - A. Elliot gave a quick update on the standing committees. He also expressed a desire to attend each of the committee's meetings when possible.

There were three nominations for the Edge Awards and all three qualified. They are Heather Davis in the Natural Sciences Department, Brenetta Brooks with University College and Lore Guilmartin in the Library. Congratulations to all of you.

The Events Committee has planned a cookie social for December 17th to help promote Staff Council and make us more visible. There will be a drop-box for staff to make suggestions/comments regarding what Staff Council can do for them. The Decorations Contest will be on December 22nd and the winners announced on the 23rd.

The Elections Committee is going to create an archive area for the Staff Council membership roster. They would like to more clearly define the duties and responsibilities of the alternates. They brought up the possibility of term limits for the president and future president's position.

The Communications Committee has a new bulletin board up. They still need to get some more pictures of some of the Staff Council members for a future board.

- B. Staff Affairs has decided that there needs to be a separate ad hoc committee to work on the child care/dependent care issue. The new Childcare Ad Hoc Committee will need to develop a long term strategy with SGA and Faculty Senate. UH-D needs a childcare/dependent care program particularly as we move forward on the extended hour support for staff, faculty and students. The committee will be open to ALL staff, faculty and students. There are a lot of issues that need to be addressed including: state guidelines involved with daycare, space allotment, security, etc. Some of which might be addressed with the new building.
- C. John reminded everyone to please read and give feedback on the mission statement. He then gave a brief overview of how to access the Mission Statement online.

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- D. Currently Staff Council has collected \$1,450 for the House of Tiny Treasures drive. There are still donations coming in. John would like to make this an annual or even a bi-annual event.
 - E. Karen reported on the Investiture which is scheduled for March 11, there are four days of events scheduled. Fund raising money will pay for the entire event. Alumni are being invited; this is the time to toot our own horns. If you have a publication then let it be known.
- V. New Business
- A. There are no new Edge Award Nominations.
 - B. The Christmas Cookie Social is December 17th.
 - C. Karen reported that the Town Hall Meeting originally scheduled for January has been postponed. The goals are forthcoming from the Leadership Retreats.
- VI. Issues/Concerns
- VII. The meeting was adjourned at 3:06.