

Staff Council Minutes

February 9, 2006

President, Cindy Teston, called the meeting to order at 9:37 AM. The meeting was located in Rm. C Hoag Student Center.

Members present

Jill Brady
Mary Poland
Jim Wyrosdick
Cindy Teston
Sherry Williams
Darlene Seabolt
Gloria Jones
Angie Erwin

Attendees

Judy McHan
Robin Webber
Steve Smith

Reports

President: Cindy Teston has plans to meet with Human Resources director, Thomas George to discuss Flex Time and Health/Exercise program. Cindy is currently working on a proposal for her meeting with HR regarding the Health/Exercise program. Shared Leave policy will also be discussed. Jeanette Mann is resigning from her position on staff council (Jeanette reconsidered and is staying on the Staff Council and we are very appreciative!)

V.P. President: Mary Poland would like to open the Staff Development Funds for personal development as well as professional development. Seminars have been offered in the past to all Staff on campus using these funds. Mary Poland will be checking into any legal issues and possible limitations on what these funds can be used for and whether or not they can be transferred to the Scholarship Funds.

Treasurer's Report: Gloria Jones presented the financial statement.

Committees Reports

Nominations/Elections: Will start up in May.

Staff Development: Nothing to report.

Public Relations: Nothing to report.

Scholarship: Discussed changing the forms and possibly asking for donations to continue the Scholarship fund. Staff Council currently has enough funds for two more semesters.

Welcome: Nothing to report.

Awards: Dr. Steve Smith was presented with the Employee of the Month award for February 2006. Dr. Smith was nominated by Dr. Kelly Cate. Dr. Potter was present at the meeting to

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present the award. The committee is currently working on the Outstanding Staff Member of the Year award as well as continued work on the EOM award. Discussion regarding possible confusion about who was eligible for the EOM award: All NGCSU employees are eligible for the EOM award and only Staff members are eligible for the OSMY award.

Old Business: Sweet and Greet flyers went out to all staff and a follow up email will be sent. Sweet and Greet is Tuesday, February 14th. Checking in to healthier choices, such as a fruit tray, for S&G. Jim Wyrosdick is working on the Chili Cook-off and is looking for a new catch phrase, suggestion: "The hottest thing to Hit Campus". Chili Cook-off committee is currently working on publicity for the event.

New Business: Judy McHan and Robin Webber presented a new program to support deployed military students: Saints Support. This program would allow the NGCSU community to support deployed students by; mailing letters, cards & care packages. Target date for first mailing: Spring Break. A committee was formed: Judy McHan, Robin Webber, Mary Poland, Cindy Teston, Gloria Jones & Angie Erwin.

Leadership Summit at Unicoi Park is February 24th & 25th. If anyone is interested, contact Jill Rayner.

Concern was raised regarding part-time staff being on Staff Council. Motion made that the by-laws be suspended for the remainder of the academic year regarding this issue. Email must be sent to inform entire campus of intention.