

Western Oregon University Staff Senate Minutes
Thursday, February 3, 2011
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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:02pm.

Attendance

Present: President Lisa Catto, Sue DeNoyer, Marshall Guthrie, Lori Palmer, James Goulding, Sarah McConnell, Brian Berkley, Bill Hamlin, Beverly Beck-Boersma, Mark Lane

Absent: Angie Barry, Carla Menear

Minutes Approved

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and approved.

Faculty Senate Report

Lisa attended the last meeting. She reported the Psychology division is moving forward with the Gerontology bachelor's degree, and the College of Education is planning a Master's in American Sign Language teaching degree.

ASC Report

No Update.

Old Business

- a. UAC update: Feb. 17th at 3:30pm in HL 107 will be another campus conversation. No staff senate meeting will be held. The purpose of the meeting is to go over the Year One Report.
- b. Staff Senate Gift: Lisa asked for ideas for a SS gift for 2010-2011. Ideas included a "walking tour" of campus mobile or web application, a donation to the WOU Library to help them collect more general fiction books, contributing to the WUC Sustainability project, or planting a tree to help replace the number of trees taken out by building Ackerman Hall. Bill has several trees he would be willing to donate. Sue asked about budget for the gift, and Beverly updated we have around \$300 to spend on the gift. Sarah reminded the SS that if we do a Senate Softball team there is a registration fee for that. Lisa suggested we think about the ideas and revisit the topic at the next business meeting.

New Business

- a. Relay for Life: A Relay for Life event will be held at WOU April 16 from 6pm-8am. It's open to students, faculty, staff and community members. Departments are encouraged to sign up as a team. The Relay is a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society in which a team member must be walking laps around the track at all times. Event location is still being determined. New PE is the current plan but several senators suggested having it outside on the track. In the near future, the Kickoff event will be held (TBA date) and "Bank Night" where all teams drop off their donations and pick up their shirts will be April 12. Lisa suggested a staff senate sponsored team. Teams are around 10-15 people. Senators agreed to think about it and discuss at next meeting.
- b. Committee Reports:
 - a. New Staff Welcome: Lisa congratulated the committee on a successful event on January 20. The event was well attended and everyone had a good time. Marshall mentioned he liked that supervisors were encouraging their new staff to attend.

- b. Staff Development: Since the March 2nd Thursday staff development is set (city council and WOU) planning is underway for April. Let Marshall know if you have ideas.
- c. Newsletter: The committee will be meeting next week, as they have several ideas.
- d. Activities: Crush Trivia Night will be Monday, February 21 at 5:30pm at Crush Wine Bar (21+ event). This event benefits the State Employee's Governor's Food Drive. The cost will be \$5 at the door, which will get you 15% off your food and drinks that evening. Marshall will serve as emcee and the committee will be doing hunger and food themed trivia. The committee will publicize the event through Facebook, all fac/staff emails, and mailings to faculty and staff.

Announcements

None.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:36pm.

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