Minutes must be approved at the next meeting.

OSU STAFF ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

April 13, 2011 – 126 Telecommunications Bldg.


Absent: Kerr-Hunter, Mathew, Miller, Shouse

Guests: Kyle Wray, Joe Weaver, Jason Pogue and Carol Challenger

Ival Gregory called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. and roll was taken by Debbie Stump.

Ival asked for approval of the March minutes. A motion was made to approve the minutes, seconded and approved by a voice vote.

Ival asked for approval of the agenda. One amendment was made to the agenda. A motion was made to approve the agenda, seconded and approved by a voice vote.

Executive Update: Kyle Wray

Kyle stated that budget cuts are likely, just not sure how much of a cut. Enrollment Open House will be held Saturday, April 16. Last year there were 8,700 applications sent to Oklahoma State and they have already received 9,300 this year. There is also a higher number of accepted students. Out of state numbers are good as well. He did mention that enrollment could be affected by changes to the Pell Grants.

Special Guest: Jason Pogue and Carol Challenger

Jason spoke about the Remember the Ten Run that will be held Saturday, April 16. You can still participate or volunteer by going to the website: remembertheten.com. Carol spoke about how the Remember the Ten run contribution of nearly $20,000 a year is used by Counseling. They use the money for training for grief counseling and for purchasing resources.
Special Guest: Joe Weaver

Joe introduced himself to the Council. He is the new Vice President for Administration and Finance. Joe once served on the council. He spoke about the new parking garage that will be built west of Murray Hall. The Student Union is on schedule to reopen the student services areas in August. Athletics will begin construction on the outdoor practice facilities and tennis courts soon.

Treasurer’s Report - Lyn Putnam

A copy of the Treasurer’s Report was sent out to all Council members prior to the meeting. Lyn has sent a new budget to Anne Matoy and Joe Weaver asking for an increase.

Branch Campus Reports

OSU-CHS – Ronda Shouse

No report

OSU–Institute of Technology – Curtis Miller

No report

OSU-OKC – Tonia Byers

Dawn Bateman attended the meeting for Tonia and reported:
Enrollment is down right now for the fall. They are currently making changes to their SAC bylaws. Their Appreciation Luncheon will be held in May. Also OKC has narrowed down the Presidential candidate to 3.

OSU-Tulsa – Bret Niland

They have hired a new dean at CHS, Dr. Kayse M. Shrum. President Barnett is working to try to consolidate the brand between OSU-Tulsa and OSU-CHS. This may help to incorporate a SAC into CHS. Enrollment at Tulsa is solid for the fall.

Report of Standing Committees

Rules & Procedures – Donna Whitmore

Nominations are in for the elections. Those elections will be held during the Week of April 18. We will be using paper ballots this year rather than electronic voting.

Awards & Recognition – Kim Sweeden

Finalizing plans for the picnic. She needs all SAC members to sign up to volunteer for the picnic.

Public Relations – Tara Gladden

Tickets to the May 19 picnic will go out to employees the first part of May. Raffle flyers are out. We will again be holding a raffle for the reserved parking space. The tickets are $1 each or 6 for $5.

Policies, Benefits, and Budget – Mickey Gregg

The committee has completed the benefits survey and it will be going out soon to all staff using Survey Monkey.
Faculty Council Report:
CIED—Joe Alexander spoke to the Faculty Council about the center. Dr. Kirksey gave a report on Diversity at OSU. Academics Standards committee is looking into giving students the entire week off for Thanksgiving and eliminating Fall Break. The Faculty Council has completed their benefits survey and will have the results at the May meeting. President Hargis mentioned that enrollment was up for the fall.

Secretary’s Report: Debbie Stump
No report

Vice Chair’s Report: Marta Kochenower
Scholarship applications are slowly coming in. The Health Committee had to cancel their last meeting.

Chair’s Report: Ival Gregory
Administration held an appreciation lunch for the Physical Plant employees who worked so hard during the ice and snow storms. The University Club is offering a new $250 membership—$25 per month for 10 months. Ival asked if staff would be interested in discounted athletic tickets (primarily football) for individual games. The staff stated that they felt staff would purchase discounted tickets. Ival will report back to Athletics.

Unfinished Business
a. Branding Success ideas: no members had any ideas for the use of funds, but it was suggested that the Foundation set up a web page for Staff Advisory Council to generate ideas
b. Treasurer-Elect position: the position will not be established
c. Piggy bank funds: Tabled
d. Sternberg Award for Excellence: the criteria have been sent on to Faculty Council and then it will submitted to Dr. Sternberg.

New Business
a. June 8 Luncheon will be held at Joseppis. All members must RSVP to Debbie by May 31.
b. The Will and Legal Documentation Resolution was passed and will be sent to President Hargis.

Announcements
a. Members could order new shirts after the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Stump, Secretary