

Minutes from the January 15, 2009 General Meeting

Committee Members attended: Jennifer Burley, Michelle Hartman, Michele Brittany, Bob Hardie, Donna Plummer, Melody Ferguson

1. Welcome to all in attendance!

- Jennifer Burley welcomed all who attended. She also stressed the importance that during these very challenging times, we need to be there for each other, support one another, and remain positive.

2. Introduction of new Board Members

- Jennifer Burley welcomed our new board members!!
 - Melody Ferguson, Co-Chair
 - Donna Plummer, Treasurer
 - Bob Hardie, Elections Chair

3. Introduction to new staff members @ UWT.

- Michele Brittany announced the new staff members at UWT:
 - For October – **BrieAnna Jaiteh**, Admin Assistant to the Vice Chancellor of Advancement, and **Star Murray**, Office Assistant for Faculty Assembly.
 - For November – **Shari King**, Director of Financial Aid, **Denise Tremblay**, Behavioural Intervention Coach for the Think Time Grant, and **Donald Weston**, Campus Security Officer.
 - For December – **Michal Nolte**, Office Assistant 3 for Admissions Advising and Outreach and **Tyrell Stewart**, Writing Consultant/Coordinator for the Teaching/Learning Center.

4. Call for Mentors

- Michele Brittany spoke on importance of becoming a mentor and encouraged all who are interested to either email her or fill out application that can be found on the SA website.

5. Announce this quarter's 'Unsung Hero Recipient'

- Jennifer Burley announced that Keiji Oka is this quarter's 'Unsung Hero' Award. Keiji was presented with a coffee card, award and balloons the morning of our general meeting but was not able to attend the meeting.

6. Distinguished Service Awards

- Jennifer Burley and Bob Hardie reminded everyone of upcoming nomination process for the DSA. Encouraged everyone to nominate a fellow staff member and explained a little bit about the DSA such as:
 - What is it?
 - When are nominations accepted?
 - Remind all about the website with further information (can be found on SA website).

7. Other items

- Upcoming Professional Development Taskforce Brown Bag Box Talks
 - Monday, January 26th, 2009
Tim Bostelle, from our library, will discuss keeping one's home computer safe from spyware, viruses, and hackers. Time: Noon to 1 Location: Lib 222 A
 - Wednesday, February 11th, 2009
Dr. Makiko Guji, from Student Health and Wellness, will discuss how to manage stress during financially unstable times. Time: Noon to 1 Location: Tacoma Room
 - March date TBA
Advancement's Jill Carnell Danseco will discuss photography techniques that can us improve our own picture-taking endeavors. Time: TBA Location: TBA

8. Tuition Exemption Release Time Issue – Jennifer indicated that there were no new updates at this time. She said that Renee Smith Nyberg was to meet with the Management Team to discuss this issue but the current budget issues deemed more pressing. Jennifer also noted that Renee will come to the next Staff Association meeting where Renee hopes to have an update.