

Minutes from the October 16, 2008 General Meeting

Board Members in attendance: Naarah McDonald, Laurie McKay, Michele Brittany, Michelle Hartman.

1. Naarah McDonald welcomed all in attendance*!

2. Michele Brittany Introduction to new staff members @ UWT. They included:

- **Hired in August:** Robin Carlson, Program Coordinator, Student Affairs Beth Luce, PR/Marketing Manager, Advancement
- **Hired in September:** Trina Reid, SPA/Student Services program Coordinator, Student Services Michael Johnson, New Student Programs and Parent & Family Affairs Specialist, Student Development Noell Bernard, Academic Advisor, IAS Erica Coker, Admin. Assistant to Dean, Milgard School of Business (was working in Enrollment Services) Don McLane, Laboratory Support Engineer, CSS (was a CSS faculty member) Dayna Childs, Admissions Advisor/Recruiter, Admissions Advising & Outreach

3. Laurie McKay talked about the upcoming elections. The positions that are ending Dec 31, 2008 are:

- Treasurer (Currently held by Carole Svensson)
- Co-chair (Currently held by Naarah McDonald)

Laurie encouraged staff to vote advising them that we need a certain percentage to have the vote count. Also, hopefully lots will get involved and will be willing to run for upcoming positions.

4. Beckie Etheridge and Deirde Raynor are the Liasons for 'Foundations of Excellence' committee. Beckie gave an update at the meeting about the self study for 1st year students. They are evaluating things like:

- How we are doing?
- About 9 committees they will have starting (Beckie will send out a list to UWT Staff)
- Jim Posey will be pulling data together and looking at 9 dimensions.
- Everyone is still welcome to join committees.

5. Renee Smith Nyberg came to give an update on the tuition exempt/release time policy. She has spoken to UWS and UWB. UWB reports that they have no problems with the matter and have a set policy. Renee plans to meet with the Management team to discuss.

Questions were raised:

- Q: Does Bothell not support their staff? A: They get flex time.
- Q: What does UWS do? A: Whatever programs want. There seems to be lots of issues.
- Q: What is 'release time'? A: Time that is paid.
- Q: Is there formal training for Supervisors for UWT? Thought was that maybe we can start there to influence them to be encouraging. A: Yes, that's a good place to start. Renee encourages staff to really evaluate what we are seeking and have an honest discussion about it. To review the SEIU contract and what it states.
- Q: What does SA @ UWB have to say about their policy?? A: Naarah said she will check. Renee reminded the staff that we can apply for POD funds because it's not state funded. She also asked to know what we as staff would like to see come to UWT (POD) – it is cheaper to bring them here instead of UWS.

6. Other items:

- There is the Knitters Sale next week that will benefit 'Breast Cancer Awareness' month. All proceeds will be donated to Multi-Care BCA.
- A new 'Inside Track' will be out today. Send staff accomplishments and announcements to Jill Danseco. Also in Inside Track is a new section called 'UWT on the Street'. Any questions should be sent to Jill as well.
- Be on the look out for Combined Fund Drive.
- Pie Day
- Charity Fair
- Also, Naarah reminded staff that we (board) will have our monthly meeting with Chancellor Spakes so to send any comments or concerns to her before Oct. 31st.

*List of attendees: Michelle Hartman, Michele Brittany, Naarah McDonald, Laurie McKay, Jo Enscoe, Megan Bentley, Brian Anderson, Beth Luce, Jill Danseco, Linda Kachinsky, Lia Wetzstein, Melody Ferguson, Dayna Childs, Sara Contreras, Alison Navarrete, Donna Plummer, Renee Smith Nyberg, Beckie Etheridge, Kim Davenport, and Tanya Ulstead.