

Administrative Staff Council Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2010

Members Present: Christie Ayers, Lynn Buford, Patsy Burchfield, Deborah Cox, Jeffrey Farris, Beverly Fratesi, Chiquikta Fountain, Michael Gann, Bert Herbison, Paula Laws, Beverly Lindsey, Christy Montesi, Brett Oleis, Marilyn Read, Michael Martin, Diane Schattner, Jeff Slagell, Suzanne Simpson, Reagan Smith, Heather Walker, Russell Watkins

Guests Present: *Dr. Michelle Roberts*

I. Call to Order/Welcome

- Chair, Christy Montesi called to order the meeting of the Administrative Staff Council 8:35 am in the Simmons Room.

II. Approval of Minutes

- Minutes from the April meeting were distributed by e-mail. Lynn Buford made a motion to approve the minutes. Beverly Lindsey seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by the membership.

III. Program – Teach for America (TFA) Update

- Dr. Michelle Roberts stated the following regarding TFA
 - Recruits outstanding recent college graduates from all back grounds and career interests to commit to teach for two years in urban and rural public schools.
 - This year, 35,000 applications were received for the 4,100 slots.
 - TFA provides training and ongoing support necessary to ensure their success as teachers in low-income communities.
 - Approximately 150 staff members and 550 corps members will be on the DSU campus this summer, with the staff arriving the week of May 31 and the corps members arriving on June 13th.
 - The corps members will participate in an intense 8 weeks of training and teaching in local Delta schools.
- Specific events will be taking place while the corps members are in Cleveland.
 - June 13th registration day/welcome wagon
 - Volunteers needed
 - June 18th Fish Fry on campus (DSU will host event)
 - Volunteers needed
 - July 4th BBQ and fireworks show (Chamber will host event)

IV. Officer's Reports

CHAIR

Christy Montesi stated that nominations for staff council executive committee is approaching, please think of people who you'd like to serve.

CHAIR-ELECT

Dana George had no report.

SECRETARY

Suzanne Simpson had no report.

PAST CHAIR

Beverly Lindsey had no report.

OMBUDSMAN

Jeff Slagell had no report.

V. Committee Reports

INCENTIVES AND RECOGNITION: Bert Herbison, Chair

- The Smile on You was awarded to James Bowen
- The Employee of the Month was awarded to Barbara Latham
- March birthday party was held on April 15th with 7 staff attending. Winners were Dora Williams and Stella Woods.
- The next Birthday Party will be May 11, 2010 at 9:30 am., Union, Second Floor

PROJECTS: Gerald Jordan, Chair

- Currently Planning the Staff development day for next month

SALARIES AND BENEFITS: Sam Washington, Chair

- No report

STAFF DEVELOPMENT: Jeffrey Farris, Chair and Co-Chair (Julie Jackson & Melissa Stewart)

- Staff development day is May 25, 2010 (DSU Staff---Let's Get Physical)
- Volunteers are needed to assist throughout the day. A sign-up list will be sent out via email requesting volunteers.
- The morning session will be held in the Jacob Center in Ewing Hall from 8:30am-11:30; lunch will be held at 12pm; afternoon activities will follow from 1:15pm-3:30pm and the awards ceremony will take place at 3:30pm.
- The morning session will feature team building exercises hosted by Daniel Vassel and the afternoon activity will feature a soft ball game, hula hoop, and more.

VI. Faculty Senate Report

- Brett Oleis stated faculty senate is working on a text book rental program and they are assisting with the web redesign committee.

VII. Old Business

UNIVERSITY BUDGET COMMITTEE

- The committee is currently reviewing academics and will provide a committee report by the end of May to the departments. The final report will be submitted to Cabinet and Academic Council.

YEAR OF THE ARTS AD-HOC COMMITTEE

- The committee had no Report

HEALTH & WELLNESS AD-HOC COMMITTEE

- The committee had no Report

DSU BUILDING NAMING COMMITTEE

- The committee had no Report

VIII. New Business

- Teach for America Volunteers
 - The corps members will check-in on Sunday, June 13, and 150 volunteers are needed to assist in unloading vehicles, transporting luggage to the dorms, greeting and other duties. If you would like to volunteer to help that day, please contact Beverly Lindsey at 4648, blindsey@deltastate.edu, or Delisa Parker at 4000, dparker@deltastate.edu.

IX. Announcements

- Web Enhancement committee will be sending out a survey requesting feedback on the DSU website. Please take time to complete this survey.
- Next Staff Council Meeting: 2 June at 8:30 am, Simmons Room, Alumni House

X. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 am.