In Attendance:
Bill English, Mandy Nelson, Beth Oppenheimer, Pat Pyke, Ferd Schlapper, Kathleen Tuck, Mike Reed, Alain Rodrigue, Melissa Wintrow, Kimberly Woodings

I. Call to Order and Opening Activity
- Beth called the meeting to order at 10:34 am
- For the opening activity Beth talked about the new SUB branding “Connect, Create, Discover”. She handed out a new brochure the SUB has created and fun pens that display the new branding taglines when you click the pen.
  i. Beth explained the differences between the video wall and the new electronic kiosks. The new kiosks are replacing the current paper schedule of events posted in the SUB and can be used by departments and groups to advertise and promote events on campus and in the SUB. Beginning in January there will be a fee for this advertising space. The video wall is to be used for more professional advertising of events on campus (lecture series, etc).

- The gavel was passed to Pat for the next meeting.

II. Review and Approval of Minutes from August Meeting
- Beth moved to pass the minutes as is. Kathleen seconded the motion and the senate voted unanimously to approve the September meeting minutes.

III. Treasurer’s Report
- Mike reported that personal reimbursements must be processed through the travel system. Mike doesn’t have security so we will have to process ourselves. We are not sure who will end up signing these. Lola Michaels indicated that they will be reviewed on a case by case basis.
- Businesses can still submit an invoice.
- No current expenses.
- A motion was made yesterday (via email) to approve Melissa’s expenditures for the JFAC meeting. No vote was taken. Does this really need a vote? Mike will follow-up with HR.

IV. Committee Outreach Chair: Kimberly’s report
- Kimberly and Kathleen met regarding the professional staff survey results and created three committees: Social/Athletic (organized by Kathleen), Volunteering (organized by Kimberly) and Networking (organized by Ferd and Pat).
- They identified people who expressed interest and made contacts to find a staff member to coordinate. Kimberly has contacted Amy Smith for Volunteering and Robert
Buel is the chair of the Social/Athletic Committee. Updates from the Networking Committee will be presented next month.

V. Old Business

- Robert Buel gave an update from the Social Committee. The committee met and brainstormed about 40 ideas. The top two that emerged were a basketball shoot off and a social gathering at the Winter Concert.
  - Basketball shoot-off: Lunch-time event. Contestants will have 1 minute to shoot as many shots from the free throw lines as they can. Winners from the shoot-offs will be part of the ½ time show at a Boise State Men’s Basketball game and will get some sort of prize. Taco Bell Arena/Kinesiology have agreed to let us use Bronco Gym for the shoot-offs. Mike has agreed to help coordinate a prize from the Bookstore. The only cost is the prize. Anticipate at least 50 participants. Will need volunteers to help with score keeping, time keeping, ball chasing and filling the racks. Estimate 8 volunteers per shooter.
  - Pat asked if open only to professional staff.
  - Ferd suggested making it a competition between professional staff and classified staff, and could include the faculty too. It was decided to be a professional staff sponsored event, but open to all.
- Social Gathering at Winter Concert: To be held in the Founders Room in the Morrison Center. Capacity is only about 80 comfortably (125 is max capacity but would be crowded). Sunday night concert beginning at 7:30. Reception could start at 6 or 6:30. The room is $250. Cost of food? Have requested catering quotes.
  - Mandy asked if there would be some sort of RSVP or if it would be an open house.
  - Mike encouraged RSVP for count, but not to limit number.
  - Kathleen suggested the Danny Peterson Theatre (Stage 2) as another option, but it may not be as big of a draw as the Founders Room.
  - Robert asked about RSVP tools. Kimberly suggested using Google Apps.
  - Bill said he likes the idea, but do we have $500-600 to spend? Mike asked what the local account it usually used for. Kimberly said it is to cover a luncheon should HR choose not to cover it. Mike wants to verify with HR that they will be covering the luncheon prior to deciding on the concert reception. He will contact HR today.
  - Bill made a motion to move forward with the basketball shootout. Beth seconded and the senate unanimously approved the motion.
- Melissa gave a brief overview of her meeting with Dean’s Council last month. They discussed part-time benefits. They asked a lot of questions about how professional staff in academic departments differ from other areas. Melissa told the Dean’s that we are looking at changing the structure of the senate to be more representative across campus. They also discussed professional staff salary compensation.
• Discussion on part-time benefits:
  • Kudos to Melissa on her NPR spot!
• JFAC Meeting Update:
  • At 8 am Melissa, ACE and State Employees Union greeted legislators and gave them packets with all of the testimonials. During the meeting there were lots of questions about FTP vs actual employee numbers.
  • Total savings this year is 1.6 million – this goes back to the agencies.
  • Pat asked if there were any questions about authority. Melissa said no.
  • Sue Chew would like to try to allow Melissa to talk to the committee for about 1 minute. Senate brainstormed major talking points Melissa should address:
    1. Minimum amount of savings compared to the human cost.
    2. Contrary to President Obama’s proposed health care plan to see all insured.
    3. Devalues part-time employees. We will lose employees.
  • Melissa asked, as senators, what do we want to do? Beth asked what we can do. Mike suggested getting the information out to departments. Perhaps going to department meetings and putting a name and face on the issue. Ferd asked if this could be stopped. Beth suggested that only the Governor could stop it at this point.
• Faculty Senate update:
  • Bill reported that state universities legal counsels got together behind closed doors to find ways to avoid a label of financial exigency in the case of a state budget emergency. Some of the items discussed were removing tenure and adjusting salaries mid-contract. This was put on the State Board of Education (SBOE) agenda. Faculty Senate was outraged. Goal still remains to separate the University from SBOE policies to manage themselves in financial emergencies. Dr. Kustra said this issue has been removed from the SBOE agenda and will work with faculty to come up with a way to make these sorts of changes.
  • Melissa suggested that time is ripe for a shared governance (Faculty Senate, PSA & ACE).

VI. New Business
  • Lola Michaels from the VPFA Office, presented information on United Way. She passed out information packets and shared her personal story. She requested that we give and pass the word to all professional staff. Campaign goes until October 31, 2009.
  • Winter luncheon – Pat, Kathleen and Mandy will be meeting and giving an update next month.

VII. Announcements
  • Next Professional Staff Senate meeting will be Wednesday, November 11, 2009.
VIII. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 pm.