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

Absent:

I. Call to Order and Opening Activity
   • Melissa called the meeting to order at 10:35 am
   • We did introductions for Sari as this was her first meeting.
   • For the opening activity, Alain plugged the Rec Center. He passed out mugs and the new fall 09 schedule.
   • The gavel was passed to Mandy for the next meeting.

II. Review and Approval of Minutes from October Meeting
   • Alain moved to pass the minutes as is. Kathleen seconded the motion and the senate voted unanimously to approve the November meeting minutes.

III. Treasurer’s Report
   • Mike reported a charge of $77.59 from the Printshop for the basketball shootout flyers.
   • Still working on Kimberly’s reimbursement.
   • Outstanding charge for Melissa’s Kinko’s expenses.
   • Luncheon subsidy will come from local account.

IV. Committee Outreach Chair: Kimberly’s report
   • Update from Health Wellness & Counseling via an email from Cal Gillis to Kimberly
     o New name – University Health Services
     o Will move to NORRCO building over the semester break.
     o Ferd’s responsibilities have been split among other staff until a replacement is hired. Target date is July 1, 2010.
     o Kimberly read Cal’s email regarding psychiatric care provided to students at Boise State. Cal asked if PSA is interested in hearing more about this issue. Melissa and Bill both stated that while we don’t benefit directly from these services, we should support the services they provide to students. Alain and Kathleen expressed concern on whether this is really part of our purpose when there are other things we could focus on. Beth encouraged us to get more information before we decide on how we can or cannot help. Kimberly will contact Cal about having him and Dan Timberlake attend a senate meeting to provide more information on this issue.
• Kimberly met with Volunteer Subcommittee. Matt Lundgren is the chair. They brainstormed different ideas. Going to look into adopting a portion of the greenbelt around Boise State. Created a Google doc to share ideas.
• Pat updated on the Networking sub-committee. Sari volunteered to help Pat out. Regina Jenkins will chair this committee.

V. Old Business
• Professional Staff of the Year - 7 nominations. Bill has 3 volunteers to help him review and vote on the nominations. They will meet next week.
• Kathleen updated on the Social Committee b-ball shoot out.
  o Finals are Saturday, December 12th. Trish Lamb vs. Jerad Cox. Robert will represent PSA on the floor. Kathleen has provided the Taco Bell Arena with a script.
• Stacey Pearson Meeting – very well attended. Melissa will send Stacey a thank you card. Main feedback has been “Why do we even have a contract?” Melissa will check with Jane on benefits for part-time staff is they get furloughed.

VI. New Business
• Melissa is arranging a meeting with professional staff from other institutions. UI doesn’t have contracts?
• Renee, Owen and Melissa have been discussing holding a forum the week of January 25th in the evening to allow Legislators and state employees to meet. Kathleen volunteered to help. This would be an opportunity to educate the legislature on the hard work that state employees do. Melissa will move forward with this idea.
• Winter luncheon: January 7th in the Jordan.
  o Menu is arranged.
  o Speaker is confirmed
  o There will be updates from the new subcommittees.
  o Will include information about the Goodwill program in the reminder email.
  o Melissa will give an intro and update on what the senate has been doing.
  o Kathleen will create the agenda.
  o Pat will follow-up with the VP’s.
  o Beth will follow-up on the AV needs
  o Banner?
  o Committee will come 30 minutes early to help set-up and get ready.
• Emeritus language change – C.4. A vote of support by the majority of members of the recommending department.
  o Bill thinks it was a reaction to a misunderstanding and does not think we need a policy change. Melissa asked for clarification of current policy. The current policy is vague on the number of supporters needed. Melissa suggests that we leave it as is. Kimberley stated that she has no problem adding “or immediate work unit”. Bill motioned to leave as is. Mandy seconded. Senate voted – 6 ayes, 1 abstention. The motioned passed.
• Ferd’s departure has left an open senator seat. Bill and Melissa discussed looking at the ballot to see who ran and see if there is anyone from an under-represented area of campus. Melissa will email out the names.

VII. Announcements
• Goodwill program – employees can donate via payroll deduct.
• Next Professional Staff Senate meeting will be Wednesday, February 10, 2010.

VIII. Adjournment
• The meeting was adjourned at 12:00.