

## Professional Council Meeting

**9/14/2012**

**In Attendance:** Tom Avery, Chad Beanblossom, Kristan Kanorr, Eleni Siatra, Liz Ferris, Diane Chandler, Stephanie Hays-Mussoni, Hali Cartee, Katie Chaney, Carla Ballenger, Patty Crawford, Sarah Soper, Heather Bisher, and Amy Jarecki.

Tom Avery opened the meeting by introducing himself as president and Chad Beanblossom as secretary for the 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 academic years. Went around the room for introductions. New staff in attendance were Kristan Kanorr and Stephanie Hays-Mussoni.

Tom discussed desire to keep meetings at 30 to 40 minutes and announced that meetings would rotate between Whitewater, Hayes, and Springwood in order to increase attendance.

Tom discussed Goals for upcoming year with the main objective of becoming more active on campus and in the community. Ideas discussed included Mentorship program with Richmond Schools and Care Packages for students in need. Members were asked to think about additional ways to increase our visibility and bring their ideas to the next meeting or email Tom or Chad.

Tom announced the open meeting with the Chancellor Search and Screen Committee will be held September 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:15.

Tom discussed Health Engagement on campus. He talked about changes to the health screening. Screenings will be conducted through the Center for Health Promotion and are not required. Employees who participate will receive a \$100 incentive for themselves and covered spouse. Tom also announced that a survey will be distributed in the near future to determine the priorities of the IUE campus.

Diane Chandler discussed the book fair and announced it would be held on October 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 6:00pm in Whitewater Lobby. Diane also noted that approximately \$100 to \$150 is usually earned from the event.

Sarah Soper Discussed the use of Professional Council funds. In the past \$100 from the book fair was donated to "Tools for Schools". She also mentioned the annual scholarship was funded by endowment and not a fundraiser.

Chad Beanblossom talked about the updated website. All meeting notes and meeting dates and locations will be posted on the Professional Council website.

Tom opened the floor for discussion;

Diane Chandler: Announced that the University Director of Public Safety will be on campus on September 18<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 3:00 to answer questions about events involving children. She also reminded the council about United Way participation and the benefits to the community.

Patty Crawford: Announced that Dave Isay tickets are free but they are almost out. Patty also brought up the topic of welcoming new professional staff members and ways we can make their transition to the university as smooth as possible. Tom and Chad will be the contact for these individuals.

Stephanie Hays-Mussoni: Discussed "The Spirit of Philanthropy" (formally known as the Scholarship Luncheon). The name was changed because they want to involve a larger group of the community and campus and not just scholarship recipients. The event will be an opportunity to raise funds, connect students to the community, and network. This will take place on October 17<sup>th</sup> from 11:30am to 1:30 at Forest Hills. The cost is \$50. Stephanie also discussed her role at IUE and stressed the importance of meeting with her to plan fundraisers. She is working to figure out who is doing fundraising in each department and will assist in any way she can.

Liz Ferris: Asked if anyone knew of a master calendar that has all campus events listed in one place. There currently is not a place that is up to date with all events. Hali mentioned the option of the master calendar in Oncourse but items are rarely submitted. The group discussed the option of Campus Police and the Information Center having a master calendar. Hali and Liz will look into this and report back.

Katie Chaney: Announced the Wayne County Literacy Coalition's fundraiser will take place on September 25<sup>th</sup> and will be a word puzzle tournament. The cost is \$50 per two person team.