Professional Council Minutes

12/12/14

Attendees: Lauren Little, Patti Hicks, Carla Bowen, Jamie Rippey, Pat Chimenti, Liz Ferris, Larry Scott, Martina Chomel, Beth Brockman, Kristan Kanorr, Kyle Wright, Michael Scott, Carrie Reisner, Chad Beanblossom, Cherie Dolehanty, Mary Mahank, Amy Jarecki

Chad opened the meeting with an announcement that Professional Council had purchased and donated 23 fresh hams to the Food Pantry. Deanna had told him that everyone who wanted a ham received one. The total cost was $252.

Chad also reported that the Holiday Ornament sales went well. We sold the most at the Thanksgiving luncheon and raised $188 at that time. The total at the moment is $252 with some orders still coming in. The group thanked Matt (though he was absent) for his incredible donation of time, talent and resources for creating the ornaments.

Patti Hicks completed the shopping for the 14 year old girl we adopted from the Angel Tree. She will submit receipts for reimbursement. The total came to approximately $30.

We took a moment to go around the table and introduce ourselves to Jamie Rippey, Student Support Services’ new professional staff member.

Liz Ferris educated the group about IU East’s internship programs and asked for help with building a culture of internships on campus. Internships seem more impactful on resumes/grad school applications than the fact that most of our students work while they are taking classes. Liz has been working to build opportunities for positions and asked for help in considering possible internships, either in our offices on campus or letting her know about our own connections with other businesses in the community. Please also encourage students to think about internships as part of their experience at IU East. Liz listed a variety of internship sites throughout the county, to give examples of the types of positions that are available. Students need a 2.5 overall GPA. The process of arranging an internship is a little confusing for students right now, so direct them to Liz for help.

Carrie Reisner requested information related to a proposal for a One Call system for IUE. Kristan Kanorr did some initial research and now they are working on a proposal to purchase the service for use campus-wide. Carrie asked for input about which offices and departments would benefit from the service and in what ways. This information will help create a more comprehensive proposal.

There was some discussion about who would be attending the IUE Holiday party.

Chad thanked everyone for their attendance and for the work on the fundraising efforts this semester.

Meeting adjourned at 11:28.