Staff Council Debrief – December 11, 2012

Chair Marilyn McKinney presided with Chair-elect Sue Koehler and Secretary Jan Holmes assisting. Pam Parshall took prayer requests and Lori Fogleman led the group in prayer. Judge Ken Starr gave a Christmas greeting to Staff Council members.

Old Business: Julie Veselka reported that approximately $1,800 was collected for the Salvation Army at the Faculty/Staff Christmas Dinner. There was a good attendance and very favorable feedback.

General and Committee Reports Presented:

Endowed Scholarship Fund Committee - Julie Stahl read a letter of thanks from the first endowed Scholarship recipient, Mira Benthus. Mira is a freshman English major from Lorena, Texas. Mira’s heartwarming letter is posted on the Staff Council website with her permission.

Baylor University Staff Endowed Scholarship Fund – Julie Stahl reported that the Endowed Scholarship fund total is $27,307.54, including outstanding gifts and pledges which is $987.00 more than last month. This total is through November 30, 2012.

Service Project Committee – chair Steve Kieff reported that MOSAIC was ecstatic with everything they received from the Baylor family. As of December 11, Staff Council has collected over $500 and took a truck load of much needed items to MOSAIC. They also received 5 recycled computers from Baylor.

Spirit Shirts – Margaret Kramer reported that the expected date for shirt pick-up is Friday, December 21. There were 395 items ordered this year.

Constitution and By-Laws – J.D. Windham informed members that the proposed amendments to the Constitution were posted recently on the Staff Council website for members to review. There were no recommended changes so they stand as first presented. The committee will meet again in the spring with possible additional items for members to consider.

Campus Diversity Committee – Julie Stelley reported that one grant request was discussed and approved via email conversation: Holidays Around the world, an event sponsored by the Multicultural Leadership Cabinet seeking to use different type of chocolate, coffee and tea to promote diversity.

Faculty Senate – Sue Koehler reported that the Faculty Senate met on November 13th. Baylor Regent Chair Ronald Willis spoke to the Senate, expressing the Board’s appreciation for the faculty. Chair Willis addressed questions about the new Baylor Stadium, the President’s Scholarship Initiative, and the Baylor Alumni Association. The Senate then took up discussion on various topics: presenting to the Dean Council a proposed master teacher policy, concerns in respect to changes to the CVS/Caremark program, and evaluations for summer courses.
Libraries/ITS Advisory Council – J.D. Windham attended the council meeting and the following was presented:

- **Library Advancement**
  - Books for Bears & Books for Bear Cubs
  - Baylor Book Society

- **Family Friendly Efforts**
  - Changing tables in restrooms on Garden Level
  - Assigning two study carrels for request and private use of nursing mothers on the 2nd floor of Moody

- **Holiday Hours**
  - Closed from December 22nd through January 1st

- **Digitalization of Lariat & Round Up**
  ([http://digitalcollections.baylor.edu/cdm/](http://digitalcollections.baylor.edu/cdm/))
  - Started in July 2010
  - Lariat – November 1, 1900 – 2007
    - Lost volumes of the Lariat found in the process to complete the collection
  - Round Up
    - 1896, 1902 – 1980
  - Keyword searchable
  - Challenging content maintained and unedited requiring a historical context statement to be included

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- **Mobile Initiatives** – ITS has been discussing and developing mobile technology since Spring 2010, launching Blackboard Mobile Learn in Fall 2010, initial version of m.baylor.edu in 2011, and developing student apps started in Spring 2012.
  - National student mobile use for school: e-mail, course curriculum, class material, schedules, grades, transit schedule, assignments
  - Baylor student use of smartphones: 92.6% – texting, 90.1 – telephone, 82.8 – check information, 81.8 – email, 45 – stream music, 41.1 – games
- Mobile webpage (m.baylor.edu) – facilitating apps for Lariat and Baylor Business Review, planning for Banner/BearWeb access, and developing additional mobile web for resources as it makes sense.

The meeting adjourned with Christmas lunch following where Dr. John Whelan, Assoc. VP for Human Resources, attended as our guest.