Staff Council Debrief – November 12, 2013

Staff Council Committee Reports

Endowed Scholarship Fund (Julie Stahl)
Treasurer’s Report on Scholarship Funds – As of October 31, 2013 the fund balance in the Baylor Staff Endowed Scholarship had gifts totaling $30,074.94 plus outstanding pledges of $664.60 = $30,739.54. We had several new donors to the scholarship during this past three months (August to October). Therefore, thank you letters and commemorative “Torch of Knowledge” pins were sent in early November to new donors who cumulatively gave $50.00 or more towards the scholarship.

Scholarship Committee – In coordination with the Spirit Shirt committee, the Scholarship Committee received approval from the University to allow proceeds from the sale spirit shirts to go towards the Baylor Staff Endowed Scholarship fund. This was an exciting change, since approximately $2.00 to $3.00 from each shirt sold will go toward the scholarship! Those who purchased shirts were also given the opportunity to include an additional donation with their order.

Spirit Shirts
Shirt sales are going well. Special thanks to Rick Mattocks, Brennon Arnold, Julie Stahl, Kay Murdock, Dana Lee Haines, De-De Henson and several other volunteers for their help. Several people have made extra donations to the scholarship fund.

STEPP (Lois Avey)
Staff evaluations for the October 2nd luncheon were very positive. The next luncheon will be held in Cashion on February 26th instead of the SUB. We encourage everyone to sign up as soon as possible. The next two events are:

February 26th – Baylor Stadium Game Day 2014 with Brian Nicholson, AVP Facility Planning & Construction

April 16th – Seven Values of Successful Communicators with Dr. Anne Grinols, Assistant Dean for Faculty Development & College Initiatives, Hankamer School of Business.

Service Project (Eric Weeden)
Online and cash gifts totaled $415. Fifteen tubs and boxes of donated items were collected and delivered to Mosaic. Mosaic was thrilled about Baylor’s donation.

Stadium Events Committee (Dominique Hill)
The Staff Council currently has five members who have volunteered for the Stadium Events Committee. Committee members include: Dominique Hill, Keane Tarbell, Adam Ecklund, Jana Hixson, and Mary Reinhardt.

University Committee Reports

Campus Diversity (Julie Stelley)
The committee met on November 1st and reviewed six grant applications. Diversity Enhancement Grants were awarded to the Japanese Tea Ceremony and to Modern Foreign Languages Celebrates Christmas on 5th Street. More information was requested by one other application. Planning is continuing for the Cultural Connection Celebration which will be held in January.

Faculty Senate (Dominique Hill)
The Faculty Senate met on October 8, 2013. The primary discussion was enrollment management and retention. Another topic of discussion was the Calendar Committee report and the 2015 calendar.
Parking and Transportation Access (Sue Koehler)
The committee met on October 28. Committee chair Matt Penney announced that Baylor Shuttle ridership is up and that the use of the Zipcars available on campus has increased. They are looking into the feasibility of adding another car. Matt talked about increased moped/scooter usage and bicycle rider safety. There needs to be more and better training for both of these types of transportation. The committee discussed possible solutions. He distributed a photo of a possible shelter for shuttle users. The committee approved his pursuing this recommendation.

Rock McNair attended the meeting and spoke about parking for game day next year. Students in Dutton and Speight Street Garages will relocate to other parking spaces on campus and these garages will be used by game attendees. They are looking into a phone app that will let the user know when one of these garages if full and direct them to another parking area.

Public Improvement District (PID) (Sue Koehler)
PID met on October 30 and discussed Waco Wonderland, a downtown event November 30-December 7. Businesses will be open, food will be available, and a skating rink will be set up for a small charge.

Matt Penney announced that DASH ridership is up and that it will begin running late on Friday’s from 8:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. beginning December 6 in time for Waco Wonderland. It will run through finals and then pick back up in January after classes begin.

Reagan informed the committee that Baylor/Waco Stadium Authority will be in charge of the day-to-day activities of Baylor Stadium. Baylor has signed a contract with SMG, a venue operations and promoter company that will assist with game day and special events at the Stadium. He is very excited that Club Corp. will have a restaurant similar to the former Brazos Club in the Stadium with a space that can be re-configured for large group special events of up to 500.

Old Business

HR Survey
Sue Koehler informed Staff Council that approximately 500 staff received the HR survey. She asked for Staff Council to encourage those that received the survey to complete it. This will help with getting the feedback that HR needs to best serve staff.

New Business

Waco Wonderland
Waco Wonderland information was presented by Sue Koehler. This downtown event is part of PID. Holly Tucker will be performing as well as ice skating and other fun activities for everyone. Faculty and Staff are encouraged to park on campus and shuttle over. This is a great way to be a part and support the Waco community.