

**STAFF SENATE MEETING
May 17, 2012**

Present: Mary Beasley, Sharon Beasley, Brigitte Billeaudeau, Karen Bradley, Melody Bridgeford, Annette Rhodes, Hugh Busby, Leroy Conway, MJ Garrett, Heather Hampton, Virginia Huss, Teresa Jones, Christopher Ratliff, Hermes Rosa, Geraldine Taylor, Minghui Wang, Kimberly Blair

Excused: Kutanya Niter, John Farrell, Brad Frewin, Robynn Hopkins, Lisa Justen, Bobby King, Patsy Krech, Lavaire Lockhart, Jeanett Ballentine, Linda Arnold, Ann Brock, Pamela Chambers, Ladonnal Curry, Mary Mansour, Angela Robinson, Norma Shelton, Ryan Seidner, Shelby Tate, Jennifer Walker, Lofton Wilborn, Pamela Williams

Unexcused: Richard Bibb, Ernestine Harris, Michael Houston, Jeff Story, Letonia Williams

President Virginia Huss called meeting to order.

The March, April, and May Minute approval will be addressed at June's Staff Senate meeting. Please take a moment, read over the minutes, and if there are any corrections or suggestions, please let us know. Thanks.

Guest Speakers:

Theresa , customer service sales representative from COSTCO to discuss benefits of having a membership

- Basic Gold Star Membership- 55.00 annually
- Executive Membership- 110.00 annually
- @ the end of each year of active membership, a refund check for 2% of that year's total purchases is mailed to you to cash, deposit, or use towards more purchases at Costco. 3% annual refund check for fuel purchases made at Costco.
- Coupon books mailed out Monthly
- Show membership card at Hotels or Rental Car establishments for available discounts
- Electronics- 90 Day return policy for full refund, after so many occurrences, a technician is sent out to your residence for support and troubleshooting
- 7.99/9.99 Ink Cartridge Refill Service
- Sign up for a American Express Card through Costco and receive a \$25.00 starting balance or use as a credit off first statement. No Annual Fee for as long as you are a Costco Member
- If you have a active Costco Membership, when purchasing a car, you get manufacturer's ticket price before dealer markup and are eligible for any rebates currently being advertised at that dealership! (You must first check Costco's website to find out which dealerships in your area are participating in this program.)
- Extended Automobile Warranties are also available for purchase as long as you are an active Costco member with a vehicle registered to you with 10 to 75,000 miles.
- For a free self-guided tour of Costco, go to any location and walk in-(no one will be standing guard at the entryway to ask to see a membership card.)
- Go to Costco's website for more information at: www.costco.com

Staff Appreciation Day: Critiques and Suggestions for future events- more discussion at next meeting-

- The email distributed should go out to Staff only- not an all-inclusive list of both Faculty and Staff.
- There was some confusion about the food servings pre-allocated per staff person- going forward, it should be the Senator's individual responsibility to communicate or reiterate to staff in their cluster food servings per staff person in attendance.

- Food and Beverage tickets are a necessity to eliminate returns to the food and beverage stations by staff that have been served at least once already.
- Ensure that a vegetarian food option is available, marked clearly, and served separately from the dishes containing meat.

New Business:

- **Election Business and Information (to be addressed at June's Senate Meeting- All Senators are encouraged to please plan to attend)**

Committee Reports:

Budget- Depleted due to recent Staff Appreciation Day planning, food, and festivities.

Election- No report

Issues and Review- No report

Legislative Advisory- No report

Campus Safety & Security – No Report

Fee Refunds & Appeals – No Report

First Year Experience – No Report

Food Services/Dining – No Report

Public Records & Forms – No Report

Space Planning – No Report

Traffic & Parking –No Report

Policy and Review- No Report

Sustainability- No Report

Bylaws Committee- No Report

ESAC- No Report

Meeting adjourned by President Virginia Huss