The College of Education Staff Representative Group met on October 22, 2015 at 10:00am.

Ashley Faris called the meeting to order and welcomed the group.

Attending were Pat Hill, Dana Barnhart, Tiffany Haag, Heather Hartley, Stacie Isbell, Amanda Cole, Carolyn Burroughs, Dee Palmer, Ashley Faris, Holly Ivy, and Katie Kandalec.

Ashley started the meeting by announcing a few updates. A recent email was sent by ArchNews regarding a survey called “Count Me In”. The survey will act as a comprehensive analysis of UGA’s campus climate. Initiatives will be designed based on the results in order to improve the university’s overall culture. Staff members are encouraged to take the survey and be as honest as possible. Find more information at count-me-in.uga.edu.

Ashley will be sending a copy of the 2020 Strategic Plan for the College of Education. The strategy is currently faculty-driven. After you review the document, please let Ashley know of any additional ways that you think staff should be included. She plans on expressing feedback.

After October’s meeting, SRG will meet on the second Thursday of each month moving forward. The next meeting will be held November 12th, 2015.

Holly Ivy gave updates from the most recent Staff Council meeting. The meeting covered the Open Enrollment period beginning November 2nd and ending November 13th. Overall, this period is designated for employees who would like to change their current benefit plans. If you would like to keep your benefits the same, no current action is required on your part. If you plan to retire, Holly also stressed that you must work with Human Resources at least 3 months prior to your desired retirement date. This will give their office enough time to process the necessary paperwork.

Ashley gave updates from the most recent Faculty Senate meeting. The group was welcoming and glad to have a representative from SRG present. The senate split into smaller focus groups, Ashley worked with the groups discussing social justice and outreach in Georgia.

**Old Business**

Chili Cook-off: Ashley reported that the Chili Cook-off will take place on November 11th from 11:00am to 1:00pm. The event will most likely take place in G23/Aderhold. Since it will take place on Veteran’s Day, donations will be accepted during the event for the Wounded Warrior Project. Currently, there are 7 contestants competing, with hopes of 10 entering before the event takes place. Since we are unable to use state funds for prizes, Ashley is working with Andy Garber to find another way to give rewards to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners.

Originally, the committee was planning to have donations act as votes for each chili entered in the competition (attendees would donate money toward the chili they felt was the best). However, the group decided that it would be best to keep a traditional ballot with a separate jar for donations.

Staff Professional Development: Katie Kandalec prepared a document (attached) displaying the distribution of professional development funds used thus far by each department in the college. As of October 21st, about $3,589 out of the allotted $10,000 has been used. Most likely, the committee will start accepting 2nd requests from staff members in mid to late January.

Lunch & Learn: Ashley gave updates from Liz. On Wednesday, a Lunch & Learn was help on the topic of Open Enrollment. About 21 people came, ranging from new employees, traditional staff, and retirees.
Please be aware that you can meet with an HR representative for free to go over financial planning. Both staff and faculty are welcome to attend.

Communications: no updates.

Philanthropy: Heather prepared a slide show (PowerPoint attached) with her ideas regarding this year’s philanthropy campaigns. Based on feedback from the group, the committee would like to focus on year-round efforts rather than only the holidays.

Heather discussed the options of working with both Project Safe throughout the year and organizing a canned food drive during Thanksgiving. Toys for Tots is an option for the Christmas season, as well. She has also been in contact with the Wounded Warrior Project, who will be the charity receiving donations from this year’s Chili Cook-off.

The group brought up the fact that most of these philanthropy efforts will have to be approved by the Dean’s office. Also, the possibility of volunteering as a group was discussed. For example- would it be possible to travel to a food pantry in order to help prepare food for the homeless? Or maybe go to an elderly care center and volunteer our time? Heather hopes that representatives send her any ideas they may have.

Finally, check out how SRG was recognized recently on GCA’s blog for helping with Project Safe: http://gca.coe.uga.edu/gca-staff-gather-donations-for-project-safe/

Spring Picnic/Years of Service: No updates from Tiffany Haag. However, the event will most likely be held at River’s Crossing this upcoming year.

Staff Retreat: No updates.

**Other Issues or Concerns**

- The next Lunch & Learn will be held in February.
- Please be aware that there is a centralized Lost and Found in Aderhold, located in OIT room 232.
- Any questions or concerns about digital signage should be directed to Terri Nutter.

Meeting adjourned at 11:09 AM. The next meeting will be held on November 12th at 10:00am.
Staff Development Funding
As of October 21, 2015

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Total: $5,589.00
COE: Learning and Serving in Our Community
Staff Representative Group (SRG) Philanthropy Committee
We’ve been given a great gift:
To live, love, learn, and share with others in this Dawg Nation...

PROJECT SAFE
http://www.project-safe.org/

Ongoing Need: “To Go” Bags
(20-25, replenished every 4 months)

- water
- non-perishable, easily carried, foods
- trial-size hygiene products
Salute the Troops Chili Cook-Off!
11-11 at 11...Taste the Love!
Honor our Troops!

We are pleased to inform you that your event application has been approved by Wounded Warrior Project® (WWP). As an approved Proud Supporter, you will have access to our online giving pages (Rally the Troops) and numerous tools through the WWP Proud Supporter Community.

Thanks, Jittery! We will use the coffee cans as little “banks” in which folks will “vote” for their favorite chili with a donation. All donations will go to the Wounded Warrior Project!
Let's Sideline Hunger in the Athens Area!

http://www.foodbanknega.org/system/media/files/attachments/133/original/2015hungerbowl_brochure.pdf?1443528940

October 30-November 12

2015 Hunger Bowl Food Bank of NE GA

Marine Toys For Tots Foundation    11-16 to 12-14-2015

Local Coordinating Officer: Jordan Chinseu
City: Marine, Greene, Madison, & Oconee Counties
Email: admit168340@gmail.com
Fax: 856-995-5167
Unit Location: Athens, GA

Drop Box Location Suggestions????
How Can SRG Help?

Other charities?
SRG timeline/commitment?
Any volunteers?
What is our budget for the year?

Questions?

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