



CSO Meeting

April 8, 2009, 3-5 pm

Refreshments Served

Patty Leonard opened the meeting. Brooke Cushman, from Athletics, invited all to the Riverfront Brewery that evening to meet the coaches. Residence Life announced that there would also be a BBQ after the meeting as well.

Patty introduced our guests President Dene Thomas and Trudy Alva. The officers of CSO asked icebreaker questions for President Thomas in which we learned: her favorite color is red, her life movie would be a dramedy starring Meryl Streep, her favorite authors are Jared Diamond and Steven Crane and she once worked as a museum director.

President Thomas:

This year was very much like the first year she was here in terms of cuts for the college. This time was much easier as LCSC was in a better place financially, however at the same time harder as she had grown to know the people on campus. LCSC is proving itself to the Idaho State Legislature that we have changed significantly from the 1980's and from seven years ago. There will be no sabbaticals of faculty development this year. We are moving forward- poor, but stable.

Trudy Alva:

LCSC was approved for a 7% student fee increase. We also have an endowment because we were a 'normal' school and once we have received all the money from these two venues we will be able to determine what projects will get funding this next year. Also using these numbers, we can start reviewing the 2011 budget cycle.

The stimulus money (\$837,000) has been received and it will be split equally over two years. This means that we will still need to find \$1.6 million to fill in the gaps.

Debbie Gurluck asked whether or not Health Care (Insurance) rates would increase and the answer at this time is 'no'.

President Thomas gave an update on the Center for Arts & History. They have not received the insurance estimates yet. Because the building is actually owned by the LCSC Foundation and not the college, they have the final decision on the use of the building. In order to bring the building up to code, it may cost a lot more than it is worth. Many code issues from the past have been grandfathered in, but if we were to rebuild all those codes would have to be met and the insurance will not give money to bring the building up to code. Even though the building is owned by the Foundation, all the contents inside are LCSC's.

Summer hours are being reinstated on May 18th. Reminder was given –“Please don’t screw it up- or we won’t have it anymore.” Remember to check with HR for the coding on the two holidays- Memorial Day and the 4th of July.

Cindy Patterson- Election of New Officers

Chair- Cindy Patterson

Chair Elect- Shannon Casteel

Recording Secretary- Angela Nibler

Web Secretary- Lucy Loewen

Patty Leonard and Cindy Patterson: Bylaws

We have been going over the idea of creating a separate Treasurer position to relieve the chair of the Recognition Committee and to create a checks and balances system. At this time there has not been enough feedback. An email will be sent with different scenarios so you can make an informed decision.

In the fall, signup sheets will be circulated for the new committees. Please consider signing up for some of these.

We are also looking at changing to an online voting format for CSO Officers. This way people that are unable to attend the spring meeting will still be able to vote. This will require a change in the bylaws, so please email your input to Patty or Cindy.

Lucy Loewen: CSO Employee of the Year

There were 30 nominations of 17 different individuals. Person will be announced at the April 30th All Campus Meeting.

Connie Hallen was announced as CSO Employee of the year.



Drawings:

Applebee’s Certificate \$20- Robin Van Sickle

Bath & Body Bag- Judy Flock

Easter Bunny- Leilani Anderson

Vikki Swift and Ellen Thompson: Retirement and Awards

Ed Weiss- Bojacks Card

Tess Hendricks- J.C. Penney’s Card

Drawings:

Latté- Christen Best

Car Wash: July- Courtney Hill

August- Lucy Loewen

September- Billie Tribitt

Patty and Cindy: CRC Update

Not much has happened this year due to the economy. They would like to thank everyone for the tremendous amount of feedback received on the PG 61: Energy and Efficiency.

Shannon Casteel: Professional Development Day

Set for April 22nd. Forty-one people have signed up with seven of them being off campus. It will run from 8:30 to 2:30 and be held in the Silverthorne Theatre and the Williams Conference Center. Cost is \$35 for on campus and \$45 for off campus.

Ellen Thompson: Recognition Committee Updates

Budget was \$1255, but with this meeting will be reduced to about \$750. CSO made \$156 on the Bake Sale and proved that the Library is a good venue.

We are looking at a possibility of a May Day Basket Raffle- if you have ideas, suggestions or would just like to help please email Ellen.

Also ideas were suggested to have a CSO BBQ this summer on one of the Friday afternoons. Possibly make it a Family Fun Afternoon. Thoughts?

Drawings:

Lattés- Karen Schmidt and Lawrence Norris

Easter Baskets- Trena English, Jenny Williams and Laurie Glessner-Murphy

Patty Leonard thanked the chairs of each committee with a special gift.

Shannon Casteel- Bylaws Committee

Ellen Thompson- Recognition Committee

Lucy Loewen- Employee of the Year

She also thanked Lucy for her help as Past Chair and the current CSO Officers- Cindy Patterson, Sharon Auer and Leilani Anderson as Chair Elect, Web Secretary and Recording Secretary respectively.

Meeting was adjourned.

Have a great and happy summer- see you next year!

