

Catawba College  
STAFF COUNCIL  
August 24, 2010  
11:00 a.m. Whitener Room

Council members in attendance: Ray Porter, Jay Laurens, Shane Flowe, Penny Rice, Kim Smith, Ann Dunn, Mike Eden, Craig Turnbull, Tonia Black-Gold, Todd McComb, Sharon Newsome, Rodney Rymer and Amy Williams.

Amy Williams called the meeting to order and asked everyone to review minutes of last meeting. Amy asked for a motion to approve minutes, Jay Laurens made a motion and Ray Porter seconded the motion for approval.

Amy Williams provided a list developed by the Staff Mentor Committee of businesses that offer discounts for Catawba faculty, staff and students and noted that this list will be posted to the website by September 2, 2010.

Staff Council is assisting Rowan Helping Ministries again this year as our community service project. The drive dates are October 11 through October 22. A huge thank you goes to Todd McComb who contacted RHM regarding their needs for the fall. Items needed are: peanut butter and jelly, diapers – size 3, 4 & 5, pajamas, socks, underwear for both men and women and new or used tennis shoes. Boxes will be placed in the Corriher-Linn-Black Library, Hedrick Administration Building (outside Registrar's office and Provost's office), Cannon Student Center-Student Affairs, Physical Education Center (Gym), and Hayes Field House. Amy Williams will send out a notice to full staff.

The Staff Mentor program is up and running and three new staff members have been assigned mentors. Staff Council agreed that each mentee should fill out a Mentor Evaluation Form. Amy Williams will send a form to each mentee at the appropriate date.

The results are in from the survey regarding Staff Development programming. All items listed on the ballot resulted in lots of interest. Staff indicated that the areas of most interest were Financial Planning and Wellness. Communication, Technology and Motivation generated interest in at least fifty percent of staff and Special Interests, which included suggestions for book clubs, golf lessons, crafts, and wellness such as Weight Watchers and bible study, generated interest in at least forty-eight percent of the staff. Staff Council members decided that there was enough interest on campus to proceed with programming and broke into sub-committees to brainstorm ideas and persons to do programming. After a short discussion, Tonia Black-Gold volunteered to contact a couple of people for our first program and she will contact Amy Williams with dates and times of availability. The Special Interests sub-committee, Kim Smith, Penny Rice, Shane Flowe, Todd McComb and Jay Laurens, will poll the staff for special interest topics and will report the results to Amy as well.

The next meeting date is Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am in the Whitener Room.