Southwestern Adventist University
Faculty/Staff Meeting
Wharton Auditorium
September 6, 2005 @ 1:00 p.m.


Absent with notice: Bonnie Alegria, Joyce Melius, Marcel Sargeant.


Introduction

President Anderson gave a devotional and opened the meeting with prayer.

Presentation

United Way: Pat Bonds, Becky Snyder, and Tim Whitlock were present to represent the Johnson County United Way. Pat Bonds shared a DVD that identified how several agencies in Johnson County provide financial support for justifiable needs in the county. She encouraged each person to make a donation and assured us that resources are handled with care.

Barbara Robinson was present to represent the American Red Cross, an agent of the United Way for over ten years.

Announcements

Human Subjects Review Board: Richard McCluskey shared the purpose and guidelines of the Human Subjects Review Board, which is responsible for reviewing proposals of SWAU faculty, staff, and students who plan to do research involving human subjects. Detailed information is available on the SWAU Biology website or by contacting the board chair, Richard McCluskey.

College Bowl: Bob Mendenhall asked the faculty to urge their best students to sign up for College Bowl competition. The deadline is one week from today. We had five teams last year and hope to have six teams this year.
Alumni Ice Cream Social: Bev Mendenhall announced that the annual Alumni Ice Cream Social is planned for Sunday, September 11, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. beside Hopps Museum. Faculty and staff are encouraged to attend. This is for local alumni between Keene and Dallas as well as the freshmen and transfer students at SWAU.

Spiritual Life:
- Lane Campbell encouraged everyone to attend Week of Prayer, which is being held this week at the Keene SDA Church. He asked for input as to the best time to schedule this event for another year. Several individuals felt that one week following extended registration might be a good time.
- The chaplain noted that Week of Prayer for second semester has been moved up one week so it will not conflict with the basketball tournament.
- Students plan to paint a house this week for a Lou Gehrig patient in Cleburne. At least four more faculty members are needed to help with this event.
- The students are collecting school supplies, backpacks, and clothing for the hurricane victims. It is a joint effort with CTA and KAES. Items will be taken to the Adventist Community Center here in Keene for distribution.
- A mission fair is being planned for October 15 during mission emphasis week and college days. He encouraged anyone who would like to represent a specific country at the mission fair to email him.

Volunteer Opportunities: Katrina Relief:
- Phil Hieger reminded us that the American Red Cross needs volunteers. Meacham Field and the Will Rogers Center are home to many evacuees. A Red Cross training session is scheduled for Friday, September 16, in Fort Worth at the Botanical Gardens.
- The Community Services Depot here in Keene needs help and their schedule is flexible. Anyone can be a supervisor and can work as little as one or two times a month. Consider spending Sabbath afternoon packaging food and clothing for Monday pickup.
- Phil Hieger met with the Katrina Coordinating Council on September 2. The Lone Star Camp is housing between 2 and 3 thousand people. Nameless Valley Ranch is also accepting victims. An event is scheduled in the campus gymnasium on October 23 for the purpose of raising cash for Lone Star Camp.

ITS: Charles Lewis announced that he is working with Campus Management on enhancements that need implementation. He identified specific problem areas that have been reported to the company. He asked individuals to email him with specific problems each one may be experiencing with Campus2000 software.

Discussion Items:
- **Honorary Degrees:** President Anderson asked for judgment from the faculty regarding honorary degrees. Because there was no time for discussion, he encouraged each one to email him and give input on reasons an honorary degree might be given. He is interested in hearing the faculty’s thoughts on guidelines and standards for this procedure, especially whether it is appropriate to give an honorary doctorate for academic distinction only, or if it should be awarded to prominent people based on celebrity.
• **Future of Faculty/Staff Meetings:** The president also encouraged the faculty and staff to email him with ideas regarding the future of these faculty meetings. Realizing the importance of discussion, he asked if members are interested in an open-agenda meeting.

• **New Building:** Gary Temple announced that a pledge of $750 thousand has been made toward the new building. On September 20, at a special midday banquet in the Chan Shun Centennial Library Reading Room, the name of the donor will be revealed along with the name of the new building.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

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Eric Anderson