

ISA MEETING – March 1, 2006

ISA Council Members, Representatives and Officers Present: Sophia Morren, Grettie Bondy, Lisa Bowles, Dan Hough, Connie Smith, Debi Gentis, Annette Schwiebert, Elaine Bradshaw, Chris Cook and Ron McCarty.

Members and Guests: Tyler Lane, Stephen Crynes and Barbara Perry.

Minutes were approved for February.

President's report: Sophia thanked Dan and Connie for updating and maintaining the ISA webpage. She also thanked Ron and his committee for their work on the staff merit awards. Also, the Citizens Advisory Board of Cleveland County sent a thank you letter to Sophia thanking ISA for their donations of money and gifts to the Department of Human Services Cleveland County Child Welfare Unit at Christmas time.

Sophia also announced that the Big Event, April 8th, is looking for a lot of staff participation this year.

Treasurer's Report: Lisa reported there was \$176.40 in the checking account and \$71.71 in savings.

Staff Senate Report: Elaine reported on Staff Senate. Theta Dempsey from Parking and Transportation Services reported she had reviewed their financial position from the first six months of this fiscal year and had recommended to the administration that there be no increase in permit rates for next year. Next, she addressed the affect of the recent increases in parking fines. The good news is that it had helped reduce the need for increases in permit rates for next year.

Theta said she realized many were concerned about parking problems associated with the closing of the Carson Engineering parking lot when construction begins on the new engineering facilities. She said the lot will close May 15. To help alleviate some of the problems, the University built a new surface parking lot for commuter students across from the Field House lot. The multi-purpose lot south of Sarkeys will be converted to faculty/staff parking. The construction of the Waggoner building will probably begin in June or July, and the disability spaces on the south side of Kuhlman Court will be closed during the construction and moved further east.

Ross McClish, Chair of the Norman Campus Shared Leave Committee, provided a copy of the annual report from the Shared Leave Committee. Ross said the program had completed its fourth year. In 2005, there were 14 applicants. Eight were approved and six were denied. 2100 hours were available for donation, with the value being approximately \$52,700.

Josh Davis gave a presentation on the Big Event. Josh said the Big Event is the official University of Oklahoma campus-wide day of community service. The organization is run entirely by students and they

do all types of volunteer work in the Norman/Moore/Oklahoma City area. Josh said they would like to increase faculty and staff participation in the event. This year's event will be held on Saturday, April 8th.

Faculty Senate Report: Dan reported on the Faculty Senate February meeting. Chris Moody, recruitment co-chair for this year's Big Event, and Josh Davis, vice chair for recruitment, gave a presentation on the Big Event.

A discussion on the standardization of class numbering was held.

Prof. Biggerstaff, a member of the ad hoc committee on central campus instruction, presented the proposed resolution from the committee. The committee had to determine a recommendation for the kinds of classes that should be reserved for instruction on the central campus. The committee had to come up with an idea of why courses should be taught on central campus. The discussion involved both philosophical and practical issues, for instance, the logistics of having two separate main regions where students congregate.

Tabled ISA Business: Discussion of funding for staff promotions is tabled until HR can provide us with the data we requested last month.

New ISA Business: The staff art show will be held Wednesday, April 26th. Staff week is the 24th – 28th.

Miscellaneous Business: Grettie announced that the English department students have started their book drive. It will go on the entire month of March. An email will be forthcoming.

Dan reminded everyone that staff week t-shirts are on sale until March 17th. Proceeds from the sale go toward purchasing prizes for Staff Week.

The next meeting, April 5th, will be held at Stepbrothers.

Meeting adjourned and Tyler Lane gave members a tour of the IT Communication Center.