

**SEAS Employee Council Meeting
Wednesday, September 9, 2009**

Present: A roll sheet was not circulated but a member from each Department was in attendance.

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 2:06 p.m.

Elections of Officers

Secretary: Prior to the meeting Vanessa Pace prepared a brief description of duties for the Council Secretary. Jennifer Mauller read the list to the group and then opened the floor for nominations. Lisa Meadows, alternate for Rita Kostoff, mentioned that Rita Kostoff was interested in serving as the Secretary for this coming year. Eric Newsome then officially nominated Rita, the nomination was seconded and a vote was taken in favor of electing Rita as the Council Secretary. Chair and Vice Chair: Jennifer then revisited the idea discussed at the August meeting regarding Amanda Tingle and Jennifer being co-chairs for the upcoming year. During the discussion at the September meeting it was decided that Jennifer would serve as Chair and Amanda as Vice Chair, a vote taken and all voted in favor.

Day of Caring

Jennifer reminded the group that the Annual Day of Caring would be September 23 and that there were a few spaces available for volunteers. The proposed project involved painting murals and/or painting frames for artwork at the school.

By-laws Revision

Jennifer reviewed the existing by-laws and noted that they specifically mentioned only “classified” staff. A motion was requested to update the document to include “and University staff” to each mention of “classified staff”. A vote was taken and the motion approved to update the by-laws.

Additional Ideas

The floor was opened for a general discussion of ideas, topics, etc of things for the Council to participate in during the coming year. The following items were mentioned: participating in a charity drives, softball/baseball game(s), and a toy swap. The idea is that involvement as a collective group can have a much broader impact than each of us acting independently. Another topic discussed was Governor Kaine’s remarks regarding the state of the Commonwealth’s budget, the suggested furlough day and how it might affect UVa. A member of the council asked if it might be possible to have someone from the administration come and speak to our group.

Meeting adjourned at 2:24 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 14th at 2:00 p.m. in the Rodman Room.

Submitted by Amanda Tingle, Vice-Chair.