

Wednesday, July 2, 2008

1:30 – 3:30 N-102N

1. Introductory Remarks
2. System Administration Support
 - a. There is currently a temporary relocation; the offices are on the fifth floor. The center will ultimately be on either the fourth or fifth floor.
 - b. The budget allows for another administrative support individual, and it is a good possibility that someone will be hired to fill the position by the end of the year.
3. Update on other Service Corps Activities
4. Update on UUP Retirees Initiative
 - a. A survey was sent out to UUP retiree members, which number approximately 3,400.
 - b. UUP will be able to include a page-length article on the retiree center in their newsletter.
 - c. The president of UUP is examining the possibility of allowing the center to utilize their retiree mailing list for contact information.
5. Progress Report
 - a. Overview of appendices A, B, C, and D.
 - b. 10 campuses have retiree organizations, three send newsletters
 - c. Doctor Chugh met with the University at Albany retiree group, who were very enthusiastic and supportive of the center
 - d. Strategies
 - i. Create awareness
 - ii. Encourage campuses to make retiree programs
 - iii. Provide manual for starting campus-based programs
 1. The AROHE manual provides the appropriate information, and will be provided to campuses
 - iv. Encourage campuses to survey retirees
 - v. Identify barriers to creating programs
 - vi. Explore methods of collecting retire contact information
 1. Perhaps the department of civil service, who maintains retiree information for state workers, can provide the contact information
 - vii. Create SUNY-wide association to coordinate retirees
 - viii. Work with other organizations such as unions
 - ix. ID Card
 - x. Develop a website for the center
6. Emeritus Board Meeting
 - a. The big question is what is offered to entice volunteers to join. What are the benefits or privileges that will be offered?
 - b. Perhaps create a survey to be sent to soon-to-be-retired SUNY workers, that questions them on their hopes and desires for retirement and how the center can help
 - c. Restructuring of current Task Force
 - i. Need to find retirees to fill unrepresented New York regions.

1. Contact Michael Burgess, head of NY department for the aging, to recommend individuals
 2. Ask union presidents at campuses in unrepresented regions to recommend individuals
- d. Task force is now renamed the “Advisory Committee”
- i. No term limit is imposed for “resource” members
 1. These are permanent and ex officio officers
 - ii. Head of the Faculty Council of Community Colleges will be an ex officio officer
 - iii. Will meet three times per year
 - iv. Meetings will be held at different campus locations to enhance visibility and increase exposure
 - v. Campuses retirees’ program directors meeting
 1. The senate will provide some degree of financial support
 2. will be held on a campus – yet to be specifically determined
 3. University at Albany campus will be a good site for the first meeting
 4. Would be beneficial to first make a presentation proposing the directors meeting to campus presidents. This will enable the presidents to designate an individual as a liaison for the directors meeting if their campus does not have a retiree program.
 5. This meeting will be held at some point next spring
- e. Next Meeting is November 5, the backup date is November 12
- i. This meeting will feature the new advisory board
- f. Further comments and ideas
- i. It may be beneficial to have someone that is involved in a large private company’s retiree-volunteer match program to attend the next meeting
 - ii. In order to provide benefits and privileges to retiree volunteers, look into classifying the volunteers into or creating a separate class of employee. This could be some type of quasi-employee that would be entitled to certain benefits and privileges except salary.
 - iii. Overall, there should be a focus on filling the volunteer needs of SUNY and the SUNY campuses before government and non-profit requests are met.