

Minutes of the Communication Committee
Thursday, October 8, 2009

Attendance: Lisa Bandong, Debbie Blair, Mike Geck, Val Knox, Virginia Mann, Steve Weiner

1) Website Update

Lisa Bandong, Val Knox and Mike Geck met to discuss the CSUEU website. They have developed a good plan for our Chapter website and are beginning to implement the plan. The minutes from E-Board and Communication Committee meetings will be posted, and there will be a link to the CSUEU Headquarters homepage. Virginia Mann asked if the link to our Chapter website was easy for members to find and Lisa noted that it is prominently displayed on each email update sent to members on a bi-weekly basis.

2) Email Update

Lisa provided a draft version of the email update to be sent to members this week. She will include an invitation to the Workload Workshops being organized for October 29th and 30th. It was decided that the non-exempt employee workshop should be on Thursday, and exempt on Friday. The invitation will be for 12:15 pm, since food won't be set up until that time. Lisa would like to include the survey in this update, but hasn't yet received it from Sally Jo Divis. Neither Lisa nor Val had yet seen the survey, so Virginia will forward the email with the link to them. The final version of the survey should come from Sally Jo, though. Lisa announced that the Communications Committee meeting on November 12th is cancelled, since she will be in Long Beach that day.

3) Bulletin Boards

No discussion of bulletin boards today, since Jim Carr is unable to attend the meeting.

4) Unscheduled Business

Mike mentioned that there is a LMC meeting scheduled on cost savings. One of the primary issues he would like to discuss at this meeting is eliminating outside

contracting for custodial services. Bringing this work in-house would vastly improve the quality of the work done, provide accountability, and save money. There are numerous complaints of stealing and inappropriate use of facilities by the outside labor. This is an important issue, worth serious consideration by Management, and Mike looks forward to moving forward on it at the LMC.

A general discussion regarding Chapter volunteers ensued and Virginia suggested that Mike make a plea for more volunteerism at the Workshops later in the month; Mike said he always does make such a request. Val suggested that there should be more opportunities for members to interact one-on-one with officers, to bring them into the fold. She suggested brown-bag lunches with Stewards, or possibly tables set up on campus on a weekly or bi-weekly basis. Mike said the union could provide coffee and pastries. Members could drop by informally with their questions, and the tables could be staffed with two active Chapter members, and Brian when he is available. Mike asked Val to take the lead in planning this, and Virginia agreed to work with Val.

Mike mentioned that Brian will continue to be tied up with cases out of our area for most of October, and felt that our E-Board should write a letter to his supervisor protesting his unavailability to our Chapter. The work of CSUEU at San Marcos cannot move forward without Brian involved on an on-going basis.

Minutes submitted by Virginia Mann, Secretary