

STAFF COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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Letter from the Chair

Dear SHSU Staff,

As the outgoing Staff Council Chair for 2010-11, I want to thank you for a great year! I have learned so much over the past year and met so many wonderful people from different departments across campus. Thank you for allowing me to serve you.

I especially want to thank the Staff Council officers - Chair-Elect Wally Barnes, Secretary Stephanie Brim, and Treasurer Bonnie Ponce as well as Committee Chairs Julie Schwab, Kristy Vienne, Sherry Henke, and Denise Holcomb for all their hard work this year. They all did a wonderful job!

Staff Council strives to create positive change, provide opportunities for staff development, host networking events across campus, and build community for all staff at SHSU. Staff Council is **your** voice on campus and your opinions are welcomed and valued. If you have an idea, suggestion, or concern on relevant is-

sues affecting the well being of staff or SHSU in general, we invite you to contact a Staff Council representative or attend a Staff Council meeting. We want to hear from you! All staff are invited to attend any of the Staff Council meetings held on the second Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. in LSC 304.

Thank you again for a wonderful year and please join me in welcoming your new Chair, Wally Barnes. He is a great asset to Staff Council and will be a great leader.

Sincerely,

Kristie Kelarek



Spotlight on Staff

Spotlight on Staff began in 2008 as a program to get to know staff better and recognize and show appreciation for the work they do for the university. The Public Relations Committee has the honor of randomly selecting nine staff members to recognize each year.

September: **Patricia Zavala**
Human Resources

October: **Gloria Buchanan**
College of Business Administration

November: **Charles Osborne**
Counseling Center

December: **Pat Herrington**
International Programs

January: **Ann Hurst**
Criminal Justice

February: **Teresa Bird**
Dean of Students office

March: **April Keith**
Department of Theater

April: **Sheila Cannon**
Physical Plant

May: **Bette Craig**
Newton Gresham Library

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Check it Out!

Staff Council Website:

<http://www.shsu.edu/~staffcouncil>

Spotlight on Staff on Today@Sam:

http://www.shsu.edu/~pin_www/scspotlight.html

Meet the New Staff Council Members for 2011-2012



Staff Council Members
2010—2011



**Send your
Staff
Council reps
your
thoughts &
ideas!**

Introducing SHSU's 2011-2012 Staff Council members. The asterisk (*) denotes new members to Staff Council.

Academic Affairs:

Carol Alexander*
Debbie Allen
Wally Barnes
Mandy Carrell
Weslie Gray*
Nancy Holloway*
Brittany Johnson*
Rebecca Lewis*
Kaley Plunkett*
Bonnie Ponce
Julie Schwab
Nicole Sullivan*
Joy Thompson
Christine Wilson*

Enrollment Management:

Vicki Barrilleaux
Sherry Henke
Clint Lockwood
Paige Loft
Becky Spelce

Finance & Operations:

Sheila Cannon*
Rita Caso
James Fitch*
Angel Lamb
Li Xiaohong
India Love
Lori Proctor
Ann Rollo
Noelle Thompson
Jaice Wetuski*
Amanda Withers*

Information Technology:

Stephanie Brim
Thomas Sosebee*
Norma Vazquez

President's Office:

Terry Atherholt
Denise Holcomb
John Holder

Student Services:

Gayle Bullard
Justin Kinslow*
Kristy Vienne

University

Advancement:

Jacel Angel
Stephanie Hollis*
Martha Mendiola

Public Relations Committee Report

The Public Relations Committee has been busy this year with numerous staff appreciation events. In the fall, Staff Council's Meet & Greet coincided with the Grand Opening for Einstein's Bagel shop in the James & Nancy Gaertner Performing Arts Center Lobby. The joint event was made possible by Tracy Alston with Aramark.

In the spring, the Public Relations Committee planned our very successful Cinco de Mayo luncheon with a taco and nacho bar. It was held in the LSC Ballroom. During the event we encour-

aged people to nominate new members for Staff Council. Four people were given \$25 gift cards for bringing signed, completed Staff Council nomination forms. During the event, the SHSU Jazz band serenaded the staff and the Ballet Folklorico Dancers enchanted us with their beautiful dancing. About 250 staff attended the event, many more than the previous year.

On July 1st, the Public Relations Committee hosted an Ice Cream Social in COBA's Smith-Hutson Addition from 2:30-4:00.

The Staff Council has

voted to change the name of the Public Relations Committee to the Special Events Committee. This change has come in addition to several changes that Staff Council has made to our by-laws. Keep checking out the Staff Council website for more changes.



Cinco de Mayo, 2011



Meet & Greet at the new
James & Nancy Gaertner
Performing Arts Center,
Fall 2010

Administrative Committee Report

The Administrative Committee worked diligently throughout the fall semester to review the Staff Council's bylaws for content, grammar, and ambiguous terminology. In November, the Committee submitted its recommendations to the Executive Board for consideration. The Staff Council has worked very diligently to update and clarify the bylaws. Continue to check back on the website for an updated version which

should be available in August.

In addition, the Committee continues to work on the Frequently Asked Questions section of the Staff Council website. The Committee was charged with gathering content and updating information for areas of concern such as parking, merit raises, the energy conservation day and sick leave. This process is still under review due to

the changing needs and concerns of staff and as a result of the integration of Banner.

It is the goal of the Administrative Committee to complete the FAQ update by Fall of 2012.

If you have a concern that you would like to address in the FAQs then please email [Wally Barnes](mailto:Wally.Barnes@shsu.edu), Staff Council 2011-12 Chair.



Staff Council members welcoming staff to the Cinco de Mayo luncheon, May 2011

Campus Enhancement Committee Report

The Campus Enhancement Committee exists to improve the appearance of SHSU.

A member noticed that some of the "You are Here" signs on campus were out of date. Physical Plant reported that the "You are Here" signage on campus will be repainted and the outdated maps will be replaced soon. The first sign to receive a face-lift is between the Smith-Hutson building and Academic Building II.

The committee also put forth a recommendation for emergency first aid kits to be placed in each building. Staff Council members were encouraged to take back information to their building liaisons concerning the kits. Additionally, Keith Jenkins addressed emergency preparedness at the Staff Council meeting in February.

In the past, the Campus Enhancement Committee

set up a recycling station in celebration of Earth day. The campus community has been very supportive each year of this event and recycling on campus is in full swing year round.

This year in honor of Earth day, the committee worked with Grounds Maintenance and arranged for Staff Council to donate a tree to the university.

On April 19th, members of the University community attended a tree planting ceremony to celebrate Earth Day. Grounds Maintenance selected the tree and directed the planting of the tree, a beautiful tulip poplar.

A marker will be installed to identify the tree and commemorate the event. The tree is located between the CHSS building and the Coliseum.



Tree Planting Ceremony for Earth Day 2011

**Staff Council
wants to
address your
concerns to
continue to
make SHSU
the best
place to
work!**

Staff Council Meeting Dates 2011-12

September 14, 2011	October 12, 2011
November 9, 2011	December 14, 2011
January 11, 2012	February 8, 2012
March 7, 2012*	April 11, 2012
May 9, 2012	June 13, 2012
July 11, 2012	August 8, 2012

*Moved due to Spring Break

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 Beaumont
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Austin



Staff Council Holiday Food Drive, December 2010

Check out our website!

<http://www.shsu.edu/~staffcouncil/>

Staff Development Committee Report

The Staff Development Committee organized several events this year to benefit both staff and the community.

In October, Staff Council joined with the Bearkat One-Card Office to host the "Holiday Spending on a Merry Little Budget" luncheon. This event gave tips and tricks to save money for the holidays.

The PACE Center teamed up with Staff Council to host two Stress Management Workshops for staff in November.

In December, Staff Council held a Holiday Food Drive to benefit the Good Shepherd Mission and the Rita B. Huff animal shelter.

Also, in December Staff Council joined with the HKC to host a Wellness Works Event.

In April, Assistant Director for Parking & Transportation, David Kapalko, came and spoke to Staff Council regarding parking issues.

Staff Council also supported the annual Blue Jeans for Healthy Genes Day on May 18th which benefits the Immune Deficiency Foundation.

If you have an idea for an event that you would like to see Staff Development host, please contact your Staff Council representative.



Holiday Food Drive benefiting the Good Shepherd Mission and Rita B. Huff animal shelter