

Professional Faculty Leadership Association
Meeting Notes
June 11, 2014

Attendees

Shelly Signs, Michelle Mahana, Robin Bilyeu, Thuy Tran, Deb Weitzman, Melissa Elmore, Shirley Chow, Debbie Delmore

Welcome new faces! Short discussion on Deb Weitzman being left off the elections ballot and needing to check the by-laws to ensure we formally place her in the position appropriately. **Shelly will look into.**

Approve minutes – Robin

- March & May minutes were approved

Treasurer report – Dwanee

- Sent before the meeting and are up to date with all bills paid

Marketing - Thuy

- All files were transferred to Shelly.
- Reviewed duties for Debbie
 - Requested assistance on how to get training for InDesign

Web – Michelle

- Robin will send copies of the approved minutes to be posted on website

Membership

- We renew member starting September 1st, so we will need to send a call for membership in the early Fall

Professional Development – Jayne/Susan

- Dwanee sent out an email with a suggested speaker that we could use at a future event

Networking –Deb

- June 19, 2014 5pm at Fernwood Circle
- **Deb will put it in the OSU Today**
- Appetizers will be provided, Dwanee is bringing 6 bottles of wine

Our Hero –Michelle

- Winner was unavailable, so we are trying again at 8:30am on June 17th
 - Meeting at elevator on 5th floor of Kerr
- **Michelle will send out a reminder**

Karel J. Murphy Award – Michelle

- Even though there was initial interest in nominations, we did not receive any
- Based on the short time frame and lack of nominations, we voted not to give out this award this year
- **Michelle will notify our partners in the College of Engineering**

Retreat

- Karen will send out a Doodle Poll to coordinate scheduling

New business?

- Review May event: went well but had a number of no shows. Uncertain if alcohol invoice had been received by Dwanee (or included in treasurer's report), so **Michelle will follow up with her.**
 - Suggestion: in the future, have cocktail tables available to stand around
- Robin had a conversation with Dave Blake about some concerns with Professional Faculty positions and he agreed with the concerns but indicated that he did not have the resources to address them alone. He suggested PFLA taking on a more active role and assisting with various projects. He is willing to provide an employee to oversee projects if PFLA would take this on.
 - Examples of topics that came up: career progression planning for Professional Faculty (which would result in more consistent salary increases), advocating for extended contracts, general advocacy and representation for Professional Faculty causes on campus
 - This is a larger discussion to (possibly) have at our retreat regarding PFLA's role in advocacy and being a resource/support for Professional Faculty members
- Shelly will be following up with Dave Blake with the conversation she had with him regarding the renaming of Professional Faculty. She has since spoken with Dan Edge (Faculty Senate) and Donetta Sheffold (Ombuds Services) regarding any impact of the potential name change, and based on historical information and Professional Faculty's role in Faculty Senate, neither individuals support the change. Shelly is taking this information back to Dave with the suggestion that we could better define Professional Faculty instead of changing the name all together.