

Minutes from Professional Development Committee Meeting July 24, 2008

Meeting was held 3:00 in FRC Conference area Gordon Palmer Hall Annex

**Attendees:** Denny Savage, Darrell Hargreaves, Tiffany Goodin, Travis Railsback, Reata Strickland

The meeting started with Travis giving an update on the TIAA-CREF session. Travis and Reata will meet with David Bertanzetti, the Director of Benefits, to discuss collaborating on the TIAA-CREF workshop presentations. We discussed possible meeting facilities for the TIAA-CREF workshop and the Rec center, which can fit 250 to 300, is being considered for the presentation.

Tiffany Goodin gave an update on the possibility of an award for professionals. Possible names, nominations and monetary honor were discussed. The committee decided on the name -- The University of Alabama, Outstanding Professional Award, sponsored by PSA.

**Ideas for monetary honor are:** Free parking (Travis Railsback will dig deeper to see if this is possible), Meal plan or card (Denny and Tiffany will check into this idea), Rec. Center membership (single) for a year, Aquatic Center membership for a year, and passes to minor athletic events (Darrell will check into this).

### **The following ideas were discussed—**

**Criteria for nomination:** Someone who severs as a mentor. Leads by example. Offers guidance, nurturing, improves the benefits of professional employees, or improve the climate and environment for professionals.

**Nominations process:** Start accepting nominations 4 – 6 weeks before deadline. Present the award and nominations in the spring. Announce the award at PSA general assembly, in dialog and the website. Recipient would receive the award at the general PSA meeting.

**Other ideas:** A representative from each subcommittee can serve as the awards selection committee. Plaque's, certificate, and other awards were mentioned. Our group will have open discussion on our facebook group to continue our brainstorming.

Next meeting was scheduled for August 7.

Next Committee Meeting: Thursday, August 7 at 3:00pm A236 Gordon Palmer Hall

Next Steering Committee Meeting: Thursday August 14, 3:00 pm Burke

Next Assembly Meeting: August 21 at 3:00 in 118 Graves Hall.

Reata Strickland, chair Professional Development Committee