

## Minutes from August 6, 2008

### Service/Outreach (S/O) Committee of the Professional Staff Assembly (PSA)

**Meeting Place and Time:** Room 102 Rose Administration Bldg. from 1:30 PM to 2:30PM

**Committee Attendees:** Tom Land, Valerie Mills, Allison Arendale, Mike Reid, Shay Hall and John Kasberg, committee chairperson. Julie McAdams from Office of Institutional Research (OIR) attended as a guest. Julie has been invited to join our committee due to the recent resignation of two other members. See details below.

**Absent Committee Members:** Bill McDonald, Randy Mecredy, Tammy Holloway, Kim Luzius & Mark Strudel were absent. NOTE: Alexis Clark has resigned from this committee due to pressing job demands & Aaron Vold is leaving the University of Alabama to take a new job with Southern Mississippi University in late August 2008.

#### **Topics Discussed and by Whom:**

1. John Kasberg reiterated that the S/O Committee's main responsibility was to try and help United Way agencies and on-campus UA projects, but we are not to do any fund raising, just volunteerism.
2. Each S/O member read over a list of 26 United Way agencies and was asked to pick the 2 agencies that the member likes best. Today, four of the six S/O members present (which was a quorum of 6 of 11 total S/O members) voted to support "Caring Days" and "Hospice of West Alabama", which are both United Way agencies. John K. will contact those two agencies and see what our S/O Committee can do to help them this fall and winter. This will be deemed a major project for our committee.
3. On August 27<sup>th</sup> from 9AM to 3PM as part of "Get On-Board Day", United Blood Services (UBS) will have a blood donation drive next to the quad with their bloodmobile parked in front of Morgan Hall that day. Each blood donor gets food, refreshments, a t-shirt saying "I Bleed Crimson", and a chance to win a free two-year car lease from a local Tuscaloosa car dealership. The details of all that will be provided next week via e-mail. John needs volunteers from S/O committee or the PSA General Assembly to help that day for a minimum of one hour to hand-out blood donor flyers and to steer people to the UBS bloodmobile. Valerie Mills has volunteered to help UBS from 9AM to 10AM and Tom Land will help UBS from 10AM to 11AM, so we still need three more volunteers for that event.
4. "Beat Hunger/Beat Auburn Campaign"- the S/O will help put some donation boxes out at Coleman Coliseum on October 22<sup>nd</sup> when the next UA Employee Health Fair is scheduled from 7AM to 3PM.
5. S/O members need to volunteer to help John Kasberg at the UA Employee Health Fair on October 22<sup>nd</sup> for a minimum of two hours at Coleman Coliseum. (This is a major project). John handed-out a sign-up sheet for health fair volunteers to complete. Any UA employee, spouse or alumni, who volunteers for 2 hours or more for October 22<sup>nd</sup> gets a free health fair cap or t-shirt. People can also help on October 21<sup>st</sup> from 2PM to 4PM to help John Kasberg put up health fair signs inside Coleman Coliseum Concourse area. John provides the signs and tape, and volunteers just show-up to help.
6. Tom Land reported that he is still working with George Brown at the University Recreation Center to help get a walking trail established around the Bryce-Partlow grounds, but it will take some funding.
7. United Way of West Alabama will have their annual Kick-Off campaign on August 20<sup>th</sup> from 11:30AM to 1:00PM at Bowers Park with free admission, food, refreshments and door prizes for all attending. So anyone at wishing to attend this event is welcome to do so but must provide own transportation.
8. Easter Seals of West Alabama will be having a "Walk With Me" fundraiser on Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, from 9AM until 12 Noon at the Riverwalk Park East. Walking teams are being assembled now for that event. Sponsors would pay each person to walk 1.5 miles with all sponsor donations going to Easter Seals. Call Gwen Stewart at 205-759-1211, if you wish to be a sponsor or to join a team or to form a team. Also see their webpage at [www.eastersealswestal.org](http://www.eastersealswestal.org) for more details.