

Minutes from September 10, 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 2:15PM

Committee Attendees: Shay Hall, Bill McDonald, Mark Strudel and John Kasberg, committee chairperson.

Absent Committee Members: Allison Arendale, Tom Land, Julie McAdams, Randy Mecredy, Valerie Mills, Tammy Holloway, Kim Luzius, Mike Reid and Mary Thornton were absent.

Topics Discussed and by Whom:

1. **On August 27th from 9AM to 3PM as part of “Get On-Board Day”, United Blood Services (UBS) had a blood donation drive next to the quad with their bloodmobile parked in front of Morgan Hall.** Tom Land, Valerie Mills, Paul Jarnagin, Naomi Powell, Janet Griffith, Reata Strickland and other PSA members volunteered to help that day and several donated blood. UBS collected 36 pints of blood in 6 hours- a record! Christian Park from United Blood Services sent us a nice “Thank You” card for helping them out. Adam Miller has posted Ms. Park’s comments on PSA’s “Talking Points” on PSA webpage.
2. **The “Beat Hunger/Beat Auburn Campaign”- kicks off on October 20th and the S/O will help put some donation boxes out at Coleman Coliseum on October 22nd at the next UA Employee Health Fair from 7AM to 3PM.** We are getting Josh Burford to send us the “Beat Hunger/Beat Auburn” logo. Shay Hall of the S/O committee will get info for that from Josh Burford by 9/30/2008.
3. **The Hospice of West Alabama needs volunteers to be “Greeters” at their front desk in Sept. & Oct. 2008 for 2 to 4 hours.** We have five S/O members volunteering to help with that effort. Bill McDonald on 9/16/08 from 2PM to 4:30PM, Mike Reid on 9/18/08 from 11AM to 2PM, Tammy Holloway on 9/23/08 from 2PM to 4:30PM, John Kasberg on 9/25/08 from 11AM to 2PM, and Shay Hall on 10/21/08 from 11AM to 2PM. Anyone from the PSA can volunteer for this worthy cause. We need volunteers to help on Sep 16th, 17th, 23rd, 24th and 30th from 8AM to 11AM or on Oct. 1st, 8th, 22nd and 29th from 8AM to 11AM and on Oct. 2nd, 9th, 23rd and 30th from 11AM to 2PM and on Oct 7th, 21st, and 28th from 8AM to 10:30AM. Just e-mail Beth Latham at blatham@hospiceofwestalabama.org and copy me on your e-mail “if” you want to volunteer. NOTE: You must get your Supervisor’s approval to volunteer to help the Hospice of West Alabama, and you must take annual leave time for your time off work for this event unless you can work-out a comp time agreement.
4. **S/O members also need to volunteer to help John Kasberg at the UA Employee Health Fair on October 22nd for a minimum of two hours at Coleman Coliseum. E-mail John at jkasberg@fa.ua.edu to volunteer.**
 - a. John handed-out a sign-up sheet for health fair volunteers to complete. Any UA employee, spouse, retiree or UA alumni, who volunteers for 2 hours or more for October 22nd gets a free health fair cap or t-shirt. People can also help on October 21st 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 the volunteers help but please wear some casual clothes on Oct. 21st. We will post the ***UA Employee Health Fair Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet*** on UA’s wellness webpage at <http://wellness.ua.edu> by end of next week. ***(Again you must get your supervisor’s approval to do this).***
 - b. **Also the Professional Staff Assembly will have a display table at the employee health fair on Oct 22nd. So, we need 4 PSA volunteers to sit at that table for 2 hours each between 7AM to 3PM that day.**
5. **Easter Seals of West Alabama will be having a “Walk With Me” fundraiser on Saturday, September 20th, 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 for more details.
6. **The United Way of West Alabama campaign gets started Oct. 2nd so watch your campus mailbox for more details.** We need every UA employee to participate in this event. If each of the 4,000 UA employees donated just \$0.30 (30-cents a day) or \$9/Mo or \$108/Yr, we could raise over \$400,000 for United Way in one year!

