

MONTHLY COMMITTEE and/or LIAISON REPORT

COMMITTEE OR LIAISON:

5K Committee

DATE & LOCATION OF MEETING:

Wednesday, October 8, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. in 256F Student Union

ATTENDANCE:

Attended: Leigh Sasser, M.E. Hart, Jacquelyn Craddock, Maggi Spurlock, Melonie Milton, Nikki Godfrey, Jennifer Gomez

Absent: Jonathan Silver, Steve Penouilh, Kathryn Loveless

PRESENTATION: The group discussion continued on whether the event should be a crawfish boil or if something else would be more appealing campus wide as a fundraiser. The topic of the Jambalaya Shoppe helping with a jambalaya box lunch/dinner sale was raised and the general agreement was that it would be nice to provide something along those lines as a takeout option for those not interested in a Parade Grounds picnic or not interested in crawfish.

Leigh reported that Exec was pleased with the idea of the One Mile Fun Run in conjunction with Holiday on Campus and would like for us to explore the idea of going ahead and doing it this year instead of waiting until next year. As a group, we agreed that it is too soon to go forward with this idea for this year. Holiday on Campus is in just over one month. If we're going to go ahead with this idea, we'd like to do it right and not rush it. Doing it the right way will require more time for proper planning. Also, the committees planning parts of Holiday on Campus/Holiday Spectacular have been carefully planning their events for months and it seems unfair to throw something that could potentially conflict with one of the other things going on in at the last minute. Notes for next year: we will need police and EMS. Four laps of the Parade Grounds equals one mile. It would be neat to put luminaries around the Parade Grounds or lighted candy canes to mark the path.

The question was brought up – what do peer institute staff senates do for fundraising? Clemson does a fun night at a local plantation with a cash bar and food and auction and tours – fun things for the whole family. We tossed around the ideas of a Night at Hilltop or a Taste of LSU night at the Bookstore.

We kept coming back to the idea of the crawfish boil. The whole committee is very excited about that idea – either as a fundraiser or just as a fun event that would still cost a little for attendees but not make any money. We'd like to presell tickets online and at the box office. We'd have a ticket table to sell drink tickets and walkup tickets for the event. Raffle tickets for donations would be a great addition. We'd like to hold it on April 24 following Spring Greening, starting at 3 p.m. and going until 6 or 7 p.m. Another great idea is pitching it to the President's Office to see if he'd like to help out as a morale booster for faculty and staff.

We really want to do the crawfish boil. Throughout all discussions about anything else, we keep coming back to that idea.

Submitted By: M.E. Hart