

## MONTHLY COMMITTEE and/or LIAISON REPORT

**COMMITTEE OR LIAISON:** Scholarship Committee

**DATE & LOCATION OF MEETING:** September 18, 2014 at 10 a.m. in the Caddo Room, LSU Union

**ATTENDANCE:** Senator Bennett, Past-President Livingston, Secretary Millican, Senator Nunes, Senator Saucier, Administrative Coordinator Milton

**PRESENTATION:**

*Overview of scholarships:* The Staff Senate Scholarship is the scholarship awarded to 4 dependents of LSU Staff members. Recipients receive \$250 per semester for the fall and spring semesters. This year's recipients have been chosen. Waiting to receive word from Student Aid & Scholarships about awarding timeline. The Staff Senate Fee Support Scholarship is designed for LSU staff members enrolled in a degree program. There are 4 recipients each semester, 2 each for undergraduate and graduate programs. Student Aid & Scholarships is currently selecting the fall recipients. Once all eight recipients have been chosen for the fall semester, they will be invited to the following Staff Senate meeting for recognition. Still also seeking list of recipients from the spring 2014 semester.

*Current Balances:* Committee reviewed current balances for both scholarship accounts. Both are well funded but we will have a better picture once the Staff Senate Office receives the Foundation report for the accounts. Fundraising should be targeted to build up the Fee Support Scholarship account.

*Past Events/Initiatives:* Committee was updated with past events traditionally conducted by the Scholarship Committee. The Holiday Decorating Contest is held in December and is a contest of different categories: door, bulletin board, entryway and tree. Fundraising is done through a \$10 optional donation per entry. Clovers & Quarters is a March event, primarily a change drive. Each Senator is asked to display a collection container for one week in their office. New for 2014 was a Lapel Pin sale that raised approximately \$700 after costs were covered. The lapel pin was provided with a minimum \$5 donation. Payroll donations are also a source of funding for the Scholarships.

*Initiatives/direction for 2014-2015:* The committee discussed the previous initiatives it would like to continue and any new ideas for the year. The committee will continue the Holiday Decorating Contest and the theme will be discussed at the October meeting. Establishing the theme early will assist units in planning and participation. Thought was given to connecting with the contest in Thomas Boyd to increase participation.

The committee would like to entertain ways to replace the fundraising done through Clovers and Quarters, possibly through a “candy gram” sale in December. This is a great way to increase Senate’s visibility. This idea will be discussed further at the October meeting. If this initiative is successful, it could be easily adapted to other times of the year for other events/holidays.

The committee will explore further another springtime fundraiser similar to the Lapel Pin Sale. The committee suspects that those who bought a pin in the spring may not be interested in a second pin, but maybe a small useful office-related item (i.e. jump drive).

The committee requested and received a confidential list of those employees that contribute to a Scholarship Fund. With permission of the LSU Foundation, the committee will be able to send a thank you to those currently contributing.

Next meeting: October 16 at 10am (also day of Benefits Fair)

Submitted By: Past-President Lynn Livingston