

## **USC Aiken CEA Meeting Minutes of December 4, 2007**

**Present:**

Maureen Bergstrom  
Sue Boatright  
Tim Bond  
Kathy Brantley  
Maria Chandler  
Catrena Cheston  
Leslie Cobb  
Jeff Crosby  
Len Engel  
Corey Feraldi  
Linda Ferrell  
Cheryl Fogle  
Mary Fuller  
Dwayne Gomillion  
Ginger Hudock  
John Hutchens  
Sarah Keeling  
Mike Lemons  
Aileen McTaggart  
Belinda C. Rouse  
Ahmed Samaha  
Corene Simmons  
Carole Anne Taylor  
Lib Thomas  
Ruby Turner  
Sylvia Williams  
Joann Williamson

Meeting was called to order by CEA Chair, Sarah Keeling.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read. Motion to approve by Corey Feraldi, seconded by Aileen McTaggart. Minutes were approved as read.

Ms. Keeling welcomed new members to the CEA.

Ms Keeling introduced Dr. Thomas Hallman, USC Aiken Chancellor. Dr. Hallman referred to previous day's briefing on campus, saying most of the members of the CEA had heard his updates then. He reiterated his feelings that the fall semester was successful. He then wished everyone a happy holiday season and offered to take questions from the assembly. No questions were posed.

Students from Dr. Charmaine Wilson's ACOM 385 Group Communication class joined us for the meeting. They presented posters and explained group community service projects they were required to complete as part of the course. Jenny Taylor represented a group which helped Youth Central (a tutoring and mentoring service) by decorating

and stocking a study room at their facility. Amber Baker and Yashica Evans presented their group's project, which helped the Brothers and Sisters Club of Aiken. They did a presentation on "Preparing for College" and provided mentoring to high school students in the Club.

**Committee Reports:**

**FUD**—no report

**Enrichment**—Cheryl Fogle reported for the committee. Plans for the spring fac/staff appreciation luncheon are underway, with a "secret" theme. The committee is working on updating the CEA bylaws and planning some family-oriented events for the membership.

**Advisory**—Cheryl Fogle reported for the committee. A suggestion was brought from the committee to the membership to consider a policy change for employee tuition assistance. It was proposed to amend the policy to change it from 1 class per semester to 4 classes per year. This may be voted on at the next meeting. If approved by the CEA membership, it would go to HR.

Some discussion of this suggestion followed. Maria Chandler, Director of Human Resources, informed the assembly that such a change would be a system policy change and there were several issues that should be explored before a vote was taken on this. Dr. Hallman, while expressing support, also cautioned that there would be issues with such a change in policy and that pursuing a change might have negative consequences for the current policy.

**Nominating**—Sue Boatright reported for the committee. Voting will take place during the meeting for parliamentarian, as Aimee Carter's departure has left a vacancy. Absentee voting will also be available online. Ballots were distributed and collected.

Sarah Keeling then explained and distributed a survey asking members what they would like to see CEA do in the future.

**Good of the Order:**

Joann Williamson thanked the CEA for enrichment funds.

Sarah Keeling reminded everyone about the Holiday luncheon.

Motion to adjourn by Corey Feraldi. Seconded by Maria Chandler.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Brantley  
Recorder