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April 29, 1994

To: Greg Jordan  
Chair of ASC

From: Melissa Peper Firestone  
Chair of the Ad Hoc External Affairs Committee

Greg:

At our April 27 meeting, the members of the External Affairs Committee discussed our status as an ad hoc committee and whether we should become a permanent standing committee of ASC.

We all agreed that we had conducted some nice projects for ASC, i.e. a food pantry drive and donations of Easter baskets to a battered women's shelter. Our group does a lot of brainstorming, and often comes up with some interesting ideas, but most of them are impossible to do because of the lack of funding. With no budget, and little funds in the ASC treasury, we feel like a group that talks a lot but can take few actions.

It seemed to be the consensus of the committee that the couple projects that we do manage to do at little cost could be taken up by the Professional Development Committee. If the External Affairs Committee is disbanded, perhaps some of its members could join Professional Development to help coordinate these projects next year.

Our group has enjoyed working together and we always have a lot of fun at our meetings but we have found it difficult to do projects that involve more administrative staff than just our committee members. We would still like to do the food drive this spring and we have come up with some ideas for the University's open house to be held in September, but after that, we have no remaining agenda.

We'd be happy to discuss this issue further with you. If you or Pat Green would be interested in attending our next meeting, let me know.

Sincerely,

Melissa
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Happy Spring!

From the Administrative Staff Council of BGSU

(Baskets courtesy of Wal-Mart)
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Minutes, March 22 meeting

Members Present: Bonita Sanders, Jan Peterson, Cindy Colvin, and Melissa Peper Firestone

Members Absent: Bob McGeein, Joe Luthman, Monica Smith-Scott and Gail McRoberts

Guest: Marcia Latta

Meeting Business:

Marcia Latta, who in coordinating the University's open house planned for this fall, spoke to the committee and invited it to participate in the event. The open house will be held Saturday, Sept. 24 from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. on campus and is open to the public. It's main purposes are to promote general goodwill and show what the University has to offer. Each college will showcase its programs.

Latta said it is up to the committee or ASC as to how we participate, but she thought it was a great opportunity for the group to be of service or welcome people. The event is being family-oriented. Committee members discussed having a lemonade booth on the oval in front of the union, or a booth to pass out balloons to kids. The topic will be discussed at our next meeting and it was suggested to open it up to the Executive Committee and ASC as a whole for ideas. The External Affairs Committee is willing to organize some project but would like ideas from other ASC representatives.

Firestone reported that Wal-Mart once again donated 20 Easter baskets to the committee for its First Step project. The committee delivers the baskets to First Step, a battered women's shelter, in Fostoria and the baskets are given to the children who come there with their mothers. (The shelter services women in the Bowling Green area). Tags were put on all the baskets saying "Happy Spring from the Administrative Staff Council of BGSU" along with a note crediting Wal-Mart with the donation. Bob McGeein helped deliver the baskets to the shelter.

The committee discussed the toiletry drive it had planned to do in April. Colvin reported that a Bowling Green elementary school was in the process of doing a toiletry drive and was asking people to donate the same types of items which were to be given to the same places targeted by the committee. After much discussion, it was decided not to duplicate the efforts at this time and to plan a similar drive perhaps early next fall.

The committee, however, does plan to hold its food drive in June and will begin to make plans for that campus-wide effort. Firestone said she would talk to Classified Staff Council representatives to see if they would like to co-sponsor it again this year.
Dear Greg:

I just wanted to report to you the results of the food drive ASC and CSC sponsored June 23. We received a total of 920 food items from around campus. This is a pretty good first time effort, considering this is the time of year when many faculty are gone and many staff members are on vacation.

We had boxes in approximately 25 buildings and could expand this to more if we decide to sponsor future drives.

I admit that at times these projects seem just like more committee work. But when I saw how eager classified and administrative staff members were to help, it was encouraging. Both Meagon Shaffer and I received numerous phone calls from people who thought the drive was a good idea at this time of year. But what really made me feel like it was worthwhile was when we delivered the items and I talked to the pantry's director, Becky Cheney. For those of us who are more fortunate, it's hard to comprehend the hardships others endure. She said she knows of some children whose only meal of the day is the one they receive at school and even then they are instructed to wrap half of it in a napkin to bring home and share with younger siblings. These families may not be great in number, but their existence shows the need for our help.

Thank you to all who placed a box in their building, who brought in a can or jar of food -- and most of all, for caring.

Sincerely,

Melissa Peper Firestone
Chair of the External Affairs Committee, ASC
This Ad Hoc Committee will report to the ASC Executive Committee. Its responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Develop ideas for and assist in organizing community involvement projects for administrative staff, e.g. Christmas assistance, Promote Bowling Green Committee, BG EFFECT, etc.
- Develop ways to improve opening day activities for administrative staff.
- Work on public relations with other groups on campus and off campus and with media.
- Develop a survey of administrative staff regarding awards, community involvement, opening day, etc.

The membership of this committee is not limited to just Administrative Staff Council members; any administrative staff who is interested in serving should contact their ASC representative or Ann Bowers (372-2411).

This Ad Hoc Committee will report to the ASC Executive Committee. Its responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Develop an orientation program for new employees about ASC and for new ASC members; write brief history of ASC and make this a part of the orientation packet.
- Study the awards for administrative staff, discuss potential of new awards and/or better recognition of awards presented.
- Improve ASC meetings to personalize; reconfigure meeting set-up; revitalization of GASP.

The membership of this committee will be Administrative Staff Council members; any ASC member interested should contact Ann Bowers (372-2411).
July 28, 1994

Pat:

I'm sending you the folder I kept for the External Affairs Committee. It includes copies of the minutes to our meetings plus notes on contacts, etc. for the Easter Basket Donation Project and the Food Drive.

I just got back from delivering the boxes to the Bowling Green Food Pantry located on Pike St. We managed to collect a total of 1,004 items for the drive which I think is great. The people at the pantry seemed very grateful for our contribution. When I talked to the volunteer coordinator there the other day (Becky Cheney) she said the donation couldn't have come at a better time. Their stock has been particularly low this summer and they really needed more food. I think our efforts were truly worthwhile and I appreciate everyone who brought in cans and jars that day.

Special thanks should be given to the committee members (Cindy Colvin, Gail McRoberts, Joe Luthman, Monica Smith-Scott, Bonita Sanders, Bob McGeein and Jan Peterson) who helped call building representatives and distribute flyers. Also, special thanks should go to Classified Staff Council which participated in the event. Many of the council members served as building representatives and Meagon Shaffer helped handle phone calls. The council also helped pay for the flyers that went out. And a very special thanks to Gail McRoberts for helping to pick up half of the boxes -- it was a hot job and she was a very willing helper.

I wish the committee the best of luck in its future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Melissa Peper Firestone
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ACTIVITIES 1999-2000

BLACK SWAMP – posted message to Administrative Staff listproc asking for volunteers

FALL RECEPTION – helped with set-up & decorations, and found a volunteer to provide music (thanks to the Monitor)

BOWLING GREEN HOLIDAY PARADE – invited ASC Reps and constituents to participate in parade, collected candy donations, walked in the parade

COORDINATED ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF SIGN-UP TO INTERVIEW THE PROVOST CANDIDATES
- posted an e-mail to Administrative Staff listproc asking for volunteers
- compiled list of staff who signed up for each interview
- sent reminders to staff who agreed to attend interviews including dates, times and places of interviews & suggestions for questions to ask the candidates

BINGE DRINKING ISSUES
- forwarded message to Administrative Staff listproc asking for volunteers at the Big Playground event on Feb. 25.
- Scheduled Chris Hageman to make a presentation at an ASC meeting about binge drinking awareness education with student employees. She presented information and provided handouts that the reps distributed to their constituents.

DANCE MARATHON
Spoke with staff from Dance Marathon regarding what types of assistance they could utilize. Posted an e-mail message to administrative staff regarding making monetary donations and listing specific jobs where there was a need for volunteers to assist during Dance Marathon.

ATTENDING STUDENT EVENTS
Distributed a flyer to administrative staff to encourage them to support student events and highlighted 3:
- Sporting event: Women's Basketball game on Saturday, February 19
- Music event: Jazz Lab Band 1 on Thursday, April 6, at 8:00 p.m.
- Theater event: Romeo and Juliet matinee on Saturday, April 15.

SPRING RECEPTION – assisted with set-up and decorations

COMMITTEE MEMBERS
Pam Phillips
Gina Parks until she left - then Jaci Taylor took her place
Conrad McRoberts - an at-large member

Appendix D
6/1/00 Minutes
MEMORANDUM

TO: Leigh Chiarelott, Chair, Faculty Senate
Steve Diehrich, President, Graduate Student Senate
Thad Long, Administrative Staff Council
Rebecca Nieto, President, Undergraduate Student Government
Laurel Zawodny, President, Classified Staff Council

FROM: Deb Magrum
President's Office

RE: Sundae Social Reimbursement

I have not received the final charges for the Homecoming Ice Cream Sundae Social sponsored by the Constituent Group Caucus on Thursday, October 5. As reflected on the attached invoice, the total cost was $450.85. Would you please reimburse the President's Office Campus & Public Events budget (000/0013) for 1/5 of that total or $90.17.

Again, thank you for sponsoring this very successful event, and I hope that you will agree to do this or some similar function next year.

cc: Wanda Overland, Student Life
Mary Beth Zachary, Administrative Staff Council

Mary Beth-
I know you mentioned earlier that you did not have funds budgeted for this, but since we tried to keep costs as low as possible, I'm hoping ASCC might be able to pick up some of the costs.

Deb
University Dining Services Catering Invoice

Event: HOMECOMING-SUNDAES  Event Date: October 5, 2000  Ref. No. UDS0006888

Organization: Campus and Public Events  Phone: 419-372-3839
Contact: Ruby Bell/Deb Magrum  Fax: 000-000-0000

Address: University Relations, BGSU
Bowling Green, Ohio
Campus and Public Events

Dining Facility: HARSHMAN

Area/Org# 000 0013
Soc.Sec/PIN# nt
Federal ID#: 532 2541 0631

Payment: Department Charge

Pickup: yes

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SPECIAL NOTES:
This event is taking place on the steps of the Education Bldg.

MENU
Vanilla Ice Cream
Chocolate & Strawberry Toppings
1 cs. Foam Bowls (order#0526-62-734)

#12 Ice Cream Scoops
They are supplying Napkins & Spoons.

They will pick up Ice Cream & Supplies.

HARSHMAN TO HANDLE THIS EVENT.
July 2000

ASC
Deb Magrum
220 McFall
Bowling Green Ohio 43403

Dear Community Leader:

Bowling Green State University Homecoming Parade Committee would like to invite your organization to participate in the Homecoming 2000 parade. This year's theme is "90 Years of Falcon Pride." The parade will began at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday October 7, 2000. The parade route is approximately 1.5 miles. Hopefully the parade will begin the march to victory against University of Akron! The football game will began at 1:30 p.m. in the Falcon Stadium. Parade winners will be announced during the game.

There are several ways your group can participate: as a marching unit (group walking, baton twirling, dance/gymnastics short routines), a car unit (decorated, but all must have signs), a band unit or as a float unit. Your group also can choose to have your unit judged or you can participate just for fun. There will be an opportunity to enter your unit for competition. There will be judges that will evaluate the units and award trophies to the top marching unit, car unit, and float unit. Or you may choose to participate just for fun! Whatever you decide don't miss out! Join the BGSU Homecoming 2000 Parade today.

On Friday October 6, 2000, there will be a float building party in a parking lot on campus. There will be live music and food, and the event is open for everyone to enjoy. Should you enter a float in the parade, this will be your opportunity to create your float and meet some new students and community members, while the rest of the campus community supports you in the fun.

We are very excited about Homecoming 2000! We know that with your participation and support we can make this a fun and successful community event. If you have any questions, please call 372-2343.
To: longtha  
From: "Mary E. Zachary" <mzachar@bgnet.bgsu.edu>  
Subject: a request to speak  
Cc:  
Bcc:  
Attached:  

Thad, I almost forgot your email address. I just haven't written to you enough lately.  

I'm forwarding a message from Matt Webb who wants to speak to ASC. Brec has some concerns about allocating very precious time to a non-university issue. We have great respect, however, for Matt Webb and don't want to seem to ignore or dismiss his concerns.  

We're hoping that External Affairs could meet with Matt and hear what he has to say. If appropriate, then, you could transmit information to council or recommend that he speak. It seems to be something relevant to the issues of External Affairs--so to speak.  

Would you all do that?  

Thanks for thinking about it.  
mbz  

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Matthew C. Webb, Associate Director  
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