

Staff Advisory Council Year-End Report

The Staff Advisory Council has not missed a beat this past year, and is proud to report yet another productive year for 2008-2009. During the July 2008 retreat, and with the help of Bill Kelso, Council members put their heads together and came up with a long working list of initiatives and objectives to fill the upcoming year. The interests of campus staff members were considered and the Council members were guided by keeping in mind those things which would move the campus forward in regards to community while remembering the mission of the Staff Advisory Council. It is with great pleasure that I report the following outcomes:

- A total of nineteen (19) Staff Textbook Scholarships have been awarded.
- Staff awards to include the Staff Member of the Year Award, the Spirit of Armstrong Award, and the Volunteer Service to the Community Award were given to deserving staff by coworkers and colleagues.
- A process for developing a Mentoring Program for new staff members was initiated.
- The Book Sale during AASU Day resulted in proceeds which were contributed to the Staff Textbook Scholarship Fund.
- A new movement to make AASU greener swept across campus, and Makin' Maroon Green caught the attention of staff, students, and faculty members alike.
- Service projects for Union Mission and Toys for Tots were a success.
- Bylaws revisions for a more efficient election process and the addition of a new officer.
- Completion of the e-Elections online voting process and a successful election as a result.
- Introduction of a new officer to the Staff Advisory Council: Treasurer; as well as a new committee within the Council: Fundraiser/Outreach Committee.
- The Staff Springin' Into Summer Potluck Party as a way to bring staff members together to have a little fun away from the office.

- Participation in the process of finding a new President through a “meet-n-greet” during which Council members were able to sit down and speak with Presidential Candidates.

The Staff Advisory Council continues to be a strong presence on AASU’s campus, and its credibility has been established through the years because of the accomplishment of goals that can be seen directly by both staff and faculty. The mission of the Council moves its members to act on behalf of the body of staff members at Armstrong Atlantic State University, and its goals directly affect and benefit all employees and the community that we serve.

The interest in and participation of the staff body continues to increase as the Staff Advisory Council remains a strong voice on this campus. Even when Council projects are not extravagant in process or by name, it continues to be “one of the most productive committees on campus.” This is due in part to the passion and commitment of the elected representatives from year to year.

The Staff Advisory Council maintains an excellent working relationship with faculty members, and senior administration, and is appreciative to both for the support provided and cooperative collaboration that brings this campus community closer together. Without this relationship, these accomplishments would not be possible.