

September 8, 2011

Advocacy Committee Meeting

Members: Jodi Baxter, Dawn Dearing, Debbie Gonzalez, Robin Weinant, Cat Williams

Present: Jodi (Chair), Debbie, Robin, and Cat

1. Advocacy meetings through December will meet the second Thursday of the month at 1pm in Room 405 at the Bunnell Building.
 - a. October 13
 - b. November 10
 - c. December 8
2. Staff Tours for following months. Dates and times to be announced :
 - a. September – no plans for tour
 - b. October: Museum of the North (Jodi)
 - c. November – Cold Climate Housing Research (Robin) / Jodi will set up shuttle from a designated location.
 - d. December – Library Tour (Cat)
 - e. Planning spring tours at November and December meetings.
3. Brown Bag / Informative lunches / Discussion Forums:
 - a. The committee's goal for the next three months will be to have current hot topics forums/lunches such as healthcare benefit changes, wage compensation, and tuition waiver and more. We want to get the information out to staff and the voice Staff Council does have in the process.
 - b. Jodi will contact Beth Behner about the upcoming forums UA Benefits office is planning to get the dates and locations out to staff.
 - c. The open forums/ discussions will have individuals such as Beth Behner or others in charge to answer questions and give updates.
 - d. Committee plans to work with the staff affairs committee for the hot topics and what information to get to staff and the rural communities.