

Inaugural Meeting of the SCC Cares Committee

Wednesday, June 29th, 2011

10:00-11:00 am

Co-chairs: Kim Argo and Cheryl Contino-Conner

The first meeting had large representation across all SCC divisions. It is the will of the group that this committee be highly inclusive. All members of the campus community are welcome to attend meetings.

The **first order of business** was to find a **representative name** for the group: "SCC Cares Committee" was voted as the official, new, name.

The **second order of business** was to develop a **mission statement**. The mission statement for the SCC Cares committee shall be: *"To make a positive impact on our communities by fostering volunteerism among faculty, students and staff."*

The **third order of business** was to develop a **vision statement**. The vision of the SCC Cares committee is: *"Everyone within the SCC community will value life-long community engagement."*

The **fourth order of business** was to develop committee **objectives**:

- 1) To promote existing service activities.
- 2) To plan and implement one (1) college-wide service project each semester.
- 3) To model and teach the importance of life-long community engagement.
- 4) For SCC to be recognized within our communities as a positive out-reach agent.

Group discussions: The committee will maintain an active website. We will develop a means to document volunteer hours on the website and recognize both formal and informal volunteer service provided by SCC students, faculty and staff to our service area. We will also maintain a clearinghouse of "volunteer strong" agencies and primary contacts.

The group will use resources to assist in identifying "helpful" organizations: such as Rotary

8:30 seemed to be a good meeting time for all in attendance.

Planning for the next meeting: Members of the group will email Kim or Cheryl ideas for volunteer activities. We will bring the comprehensive list to the next meeting and pick two or three to formalize. Logistics to consider before the next meeting: Do we want to pick a single day and offer the volunteer service in Jackson, Macon and Swain counties and the Qualla Boundary? Do we want to offer a formalized service to a single community at a time and target a new community each semester?