

President Clarissa Bailey opened the meeting. She introduced herself, and recognized Dr. Stewart as our faculty leader. Dr. Stewart introduced Mr. Troy Farley who is teaching a course at WIU-QC this semester. Ashley Desplinter, the vice-president, Jacob Benson, the treasurer, Gabi Rutherford, the secretary, and Andrew Gerdes, the senator also introduced themselves.

Clarissa explained why you should join SHRM. SHRM will be focusing on networking this semester. There will be fellowship among students, meeting people from the community who come to speak, there are talent grants for officers, opportunities to gather with other student organizations, and pizza at every meeting for just \$5. Clarissa also mentioned that on November 5th, applications for officers for SHRM will need to be turned in. She also went over the WIU Policy on Hazing.

Clarissa also mentioned the history of SHRM, including that it is a national organization and there are scholarships for students. It is \$40 a year for the National SHRM, and officers of SHRM will get that fee reimbursed, and 3 members will also get their dues reimbursed. Dr. Stewart mentioned that joining the National SHRM is not a requirement but is a good idea. Our WIU-QC Chapter needs at least 8 people to join National SHRM to stay affiliated with the National SHRM Organization. Those interested should fill out and return the reimbursement form for the National SHRM dues by the next meeting on September 10th. An outside party will evaluate the submissions and make the determination of who will get their National SHRM dues reimbursed.

Dr. Stewart explained that we submit every Spring for recognition from the National SHRM, and every year WIU-QC SHRM has received the Superior Merit Award. Deb, the previous vice-president, mentioned bringing in speakers, fundraisers, attending conferences, and internships are all parts of getting the Superior Merit award.

At the next meeting, dues and applications should be turned in.

Clarissa mentioned the Quad Cities River Bandits game on Sunday, September 2nd and participating in the NAMI walk.

Ashley ran through the Fall schedule, which includes four guest speakers, an organizational meeting, and the last meeting will be the Officer Election. She also asked for suggestions for speakers for next Spring. Suggestions included drug-abuse in the workplace, working with vets, and building workplace morale.

Dr. Stewart also mentioned that the YMCA is looking for an intern. If you have questions about that internship or other HR internships in the Quad Cities, contact Dr. Stewart. Dr. Stewart also mentioned Great River Human Resources, which is the regional SHRM chapter. More information can be found at grhra.org, and it is free.