After delays, ambassadors might finally get paid

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A campus service group has yet to see a dime after being promised payment in August, but directors said students should receive a paycheck as soon as next week.

The Campus Tour Ambassadors, which is comprised of students who are responsible for giving university tours to potential students, were promised a salary but have not received any paychecks.

Paul Kohn, director of administration, said the ambassadors can expect to receive money by next week.

“I’m the director, and it’s my responsibility to get this resolved,” Kohn said. “I have everybody I can think of working on it. We take it somewhere higher if it doesn’t get resolved in the next couple of days.”

He said he went to the UA President’s Office and Senior Accountant’s Office, who said the problem should be solved by next week.

“I’m counting on it,” Kohn said.

Kohn, who took over the position in November, said he was unaware until recently that ambassadors were scheduled to change from volunteers to paid employees because he was not present when the decision was made.

Keith Humphrey, senior assistant director of admissions, and Jennifer Leung, program development specialist, have been in office for a longer time than Kohn and work closely with the ambassadors. However, they have not been given permission to release information about the situation, Humphrey said.

In a story published in the Arizona Daily Wildcat on Sept. 22, Humphrey said:

“Admissions is a very competitive environment. We want the information given out on the tour to be information that the University of Arizona can be held accountable for. The best way to do that is to have paid employees for the tour rather than volunteers.”

The payments could have been delayed because of changes in the admissions staff, including the account- and leaning the office, Kohn said.

“I suspect that this has something to do with it but really can’t say. I have asked the accountants to investigate,” Kohn said.