

Staff Council Minutes

February 20, 2008

Members present: John Haverty, Lori Rognlie, Angela Horn, Dee Barker, Kelli Clevenger, Angela Valdivia, Val VanDerSluis, Heidi Stepp, Becky Shaffer, Lori Spurgeon, Vicki Baer, Ginger Spivey

Reports

John reported that he was not able to meet with Dr. Farley during the past month, but confirmed that he shared our recommendations on the proposed new policies with Dr. Farley.

Several concerns were raised among the group. Several members expressed concern for campus safety and procedures in case of a violent threat on campus. Becky shared that a committee has been formed to study that issue and that a messaging system is being purchased. A second concern was raised for office safety and security, and what steps employees should take if there were an imminent threat.

The question was raised about whether employees could have the opportunity to purchase old and/or obsolete equipment. John reported that a Technology Fair is scheduled for April 1 for that purpose. He will explore the purchase of other types of equipment.

A concern was raised for very ill students not having a nearby location to park when coming to Student Health. John will pursue.

A request for consideration has been received for free tuition above three credit hours for employees. It will be sent to the Benefits committee.

Action Items

University Relations will handle all nominations, vote counting, etc for the employee recognition ceremony. A meeting was held by Amanda recently to review all responsibilities and deadlines. John will present the awards, as president of Staff Council. An inquiry was made about whether a group could be nominated. It was decided that a group nomination should be handled differently, perhaps as a non-monetary category. John will take that request to the Benefits Committee.

Discussion Items

John will invite Mike Gunter to speak to our group about his request for future technology suggestions that would enhance the student's experience here.

Lori is sending the letter out to the surround area neighborhood associations regarding dog waste on campus, and asking them to include the request in their neighborhood newsletters.

There was discussion about years of continuous service and the staff recognition guidelines. Ginger moved, Val seconded, to acknowledge only continuous service by employees. Motion carried.

Announcements

Lori reported that Dr. Bearman is the Interim Dean of Mabee Library. A new program at the Library is informational sessions called Monday at Mabee held 11 am-1 pm every Monday. A special event of miniature golf is being planned by Friends of Mabee Library as a fundraiser . Caddystacks will be held March 28 and 29 for a donation.

Next meeting will be held March 12 at 3:00 pm.

Submitted by Vicki Baer
Secretary