

Staff Council Minutes

May 16, 2007

Members present: Val VanDerSluis (Chair), Kelli Clevenger, Angela Valdivia, Wanda Hinton, Vicki Baer, Lori Spurgeon, Becky Shaffer, Dee Barker, Lori Rognlie, Lynn Bailey, Angela Horn, Bill Bunten, and Jennifer Hill.

Val called the meeting to order at 3:00pm in MO 204.

Special Guest, Amanda Millard, Assistant Director of University Relations attended to discuss the Employee Recognition Ceremony. She asked if their office could coordinate the voting process for the Staff Awards. Staff Council will still be very much involved and the process will be much more streamlined for voting. The suggestion was voted and approved. Lori Rognlie asked if all nominees could get a certificate and also if the nomination goes into the employee's personnel file.

Reports

From the President:

After an assessment made by the Insurance Carrier, five policies are being updated.

- University Vehicles
- Drug and Alcohol
- Criminal Background Checks
- Cell Phones/Plans
- Children in the Workplace

The President also informed Val of:

- The WU BOR approved the budget with a salary and tuition increase
- The Stoffer Hall renovation project is on schedule
- Funding for the Weight Room is progressing
- Discussion with 2 Fraternities regarding the renovation of their houses is underway
- This Spring semester saw the first graduates that completed a Transformational Experience
- Interviews with five VPAA Candidates have concluded, a decision should be soon.

Corporate Volunteer:

Lori Rognlie reported Washburn University will host the Volunteer Awards luncheon on June 13, 2007 in the Bradbury Thompson Center. Collection of toiletries for Operation Clean Sweep is underway. Lori has been asked to have Staff Council promote the United Way's Volunteer Solutions. Any person on campus that is involved with volunteer work should go to the Volunteer Solutions website (www.volunteersolutions.org/) and sign up using "1700 SW

College Ave" as their address. Then every time someone volunteers, Washburn can see how many hours their employees are volunteering, since currently, WU has no idea how many employees are volunteering or how much they volunteer. Also, Volunteer Solutions is where you can check out volunteering opportunities.

Benefits:

Lynn Bailey reported the committee has sent forward to the President for approval, a recommendation to exclude using one day of personal leave during the winter holiday break. If the President approves, it will then need to go to the WU BOR for final approval. The Bereavement Policy is still under evaluation.

Employee Recognition:

Amanda reported the ceremony went very well. This year the room was arranged differently and it helped in allowing everyone a nice view of the stage.

Old Business

Lori Spurgeon gave an update on the pink soap issue. Morgan Hall will be getting new foam soap and new paper towel dispensers. One article of new business was the lack of paper towel dispensers in Henderson. Lori will check with Shirley on the soap and paper towel dispensers and report back.

New Business

Question regarding allowing spousal memberships to the SRWC was raised. With the second year concluding, it seems that there is enough room/equipment to allow spouses to become members without causing any hardships to the student population. One person reported that retirees and their spouses are members. Another thought that it might be a liability issue. Val will get some details on this and report back.

Announcements

Kelli announced the Sunflower Music Festival starts June 8th.

Lori announced the search for a Dean of the Mabee Library will re-open after July 1st.

The next meeting will be June 13, 2007 at 3:00pm in Morgan 204.

Meeting adjourned.