

# Staff Council Minutes

## September 17, 2008

Present: John Haverty, Angela Valdivia, C. J. Crawford, Dee Barker, Becky Shaffer, Karen Simpson, Joyce Hutchins, Jennifer Hill, Val VanDerSluis, Lori Spurgeon, Vicki Baer

John called the meeting to order, and introduced Carol Vogel, the Equal Opportunity Officer for the University. Carol explained some revisions were made recently to the Equal Educational and Employment opportunity policy, in effect streamlining the policy. Copies of the policy can be found in the WU Policy & Regulation Manual as well as on the Washburn Web site and the on-line employee training site under MyWashburn. It will be contained in the Student handbook next year.

### Report from President

John shared with the President the students' desire to have recycling containers readily available on campus and he said he would be happy to visit with the students. President Farley shared that pledging to fraternities and sororities increased this year; health insurance premiums are going up 10% with benefits staying the same, all areas are being required to make budget reductions this year; a committee will be studying the transformational experience overall process; he agreed the presidential term for Staff Council should be for longer than one year.

The Corporate Volunteer report : the Community Thanksgiving Dinner Foundation has been restructured and the United Way is handling the volunteers for both the Thanksgiving dinner and the Christmas dinner; more information to follow. Operation Clean Sweep luncheon will be held on campus December 9. Collection boxes are still available on campus at UMAPS and at Mabee Library. Any office that would be willing to place a collection box in their office should contact Lori Rognlie.

John is working toward elections for Staff Council. Joyce, Val and Karen will help with the soliciting of representatives so that new representatives can be in place and Staff Council elections can be held at next meeting.

The Chartwells agenda item was tabled while more information is obtained.

The question regarding changes in the standard work week, i.e. 4, 10-hour days was referred to Harold.

No action was taken because of budget constraints in regard to a request for an increase in the tuition assistance for employees.

John reported that a student worker in ISS has updated the Staff Council Web site and it will soon have search capabilities as well.

Jennifer reported that she had participated in the Heartland Visioning process for the city of Topeka, and that informational sessions for employees will be held on campus in the near future.

Family Day is September 27; Homecoming activities will be held through the week of October 6-11; there will be no paper spring 2009 class schedule.

Submitted by Vicki Baer