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Members present: Becky Bolte, Eileen Brouddus, Niranji Dopa Pathirage, Kim Fletcher, James Frager, Haley Grant, Chaz Havens, Jenith Hoover, Wanda Hinton, Kathy Iwig, Cherisa Jones, Coletta Meyer, Kelly Mourning-Byers, Danielle Dempsey-Swopes, Colleen Thiessen, Angela Valdivia, and Pat Wilden

Members not present: Ryan Calovich, Shirley Jacobson, Jim Kelly, LuAnn Reece, and Kim Sturgeon

- I. Chaz Havens called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.
- II. Introduction of newly elected Staff Council members along with expressing gratitude to the out-going members for their service.
- III. Election of Officers: Chaz Havens was elected Chair, Kelly Mourning-Byers, was elected Vice Chair and Haley Grant was elected Secretary.
 - a. Benefits Committee elections: Becky Bolte, Eileen Brouddus, Kelly Mourning-Byers, Chaz Havens and Angela Valdivia
 - b. Safety Committee: Kelly Mourning-Byers
 - c. Parking Committee: Haley Grant
- IV. Special Guest: Marc Fried, University Counsel. Marc Fried presented the proposed draft of the Weapons Policy, Regulations and Procedures and then answered any questions members had. Once the policy has been finalized, the policy will be presented to the Board of Regents for the Board's approval. Marc will be conducting two more forums, Wednesday, October 19th at 5:30p.m., at the Mabee Library and on Tuesday, October 25th at 3:00 p.m. in the Vogel Room of the Memorial Union. He will also be presenting at Washburn Tech, however, a date and time has not been set. Marc encourages everyone to read the policy and e-mail Marc with any ideas or questions.
- V. Reports:
 - a. Chaz Havens, Chair – No report.
 - b. Benefits Committee – No updates to report.
 - c. Safety Committee – No meeting to report.
- VI. Discussion Items:
 - a. Smoking policy – Policy went into effect September 1, 2016. There was a question raised at the September meeting regarding the designated smoking areas. Smoking areas were chosen based on safety, and proximity to serving multiple buildings with one designated smoking area.
 - b. PEPSI – all perishable items should have a two week expiration sticker.
- VII. Unfinished Business:
 - a. Parking Tickets at Washburn Tech. – Painting the parking lot and making designated locations more visible. Chaz will visit with Chris Enos in regards to any additional items that may need to be completed.

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VIII. New Business:

- a. Washburn University employees taking classes at Washburn Tech as educational assistance. Heather Jones visited with Marta Haut in Human Resources. At this time courses at Washburn Tech are not in the University catalog.
- b. Food advisory Board – Cherisa Jones will be the representative from Staff council.

IX. Announcements:

- a. Open enrollment packets for insurance were distributed this week to eligible employees.
- b. Colette Meyers will be leaving Washburn University.

X. Election Results: New Members

- a. Admin E (Becky Bolte and Niranji Dopa Pathirage)
- b. Hourly A (Pat Wilden)
- c. Hourly C (Cherisa Jones)
- d. Hourly G (Wanda Hinton)
- e. Hourly I (Shirley Jacobson)
- f. Hourly K (Kathy Iwig)

XI. The next Staff Council meeting will be November 8th, 2016.

XII. Chaz Havens adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Colleen Thiessen