

# **Staff Council Minutes**

## **May 7, 2003**

LaJean Rinker called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Present: Kelli Clevenger, Jessica Davisson, Melissa Doebele, Caroline Fox, Elaine Gill, Mitch Higgs, Shirley Jacobson, Mike Jauken, Jamison Johnson, Donna Lacey, Judy Leismann, LaJean Rinker, Lori Rognlie, Linda Spaulding.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Benefits**

Will meet tomorrow. The main item on the agenda regards adding 'domestic partners' to the insurance program. There are several definitions of 'domestic partner'. Strict guidelines will be followed when considering the addition of a 'domestic partner' to an employee's policy

#### **Change Management**

Work is in progress on the student module. Concern was voiced about the readiness of the university to begin working in Banner.

#### **Corporate Volunteer**

Nancy Zwiener attended the April 17th meeting. The Volunteer Office has moved to 1315 Arrowhead Road, same phone number. A brochure for publicity has been printed - the university is listed as a corporate member. The Topeka Cemetery Clean-up Project may be moved to a different time in order to attract more volunteers. Gina Coffman of the Red Cross spoke about corporate volunteering in a disaster. The next meeting will be May 15 at City Hall.

#### **Recycling**

The proposed signs are still not posted on the recycling bins. Has been a problem with recyclables not being picked up in Morgan - contact Facilities Services if problems. Pepsi has placed recycling bins for plastic bottles near the vending machines in some buildings.

#### **Safety**

No report

## Employee Recognition

Congratulations to LaJean & Elaine for winning awards at the ceremony on May 1. Positive comments were received on the ceremony, round tables, and ice cream. The Myers Award was deleted from the program due to no nominations - the omission confused people.

## Old Business

- Ground has been broken for the new rec center.
- There are plans for a parking lot between the softball and baseball fields.
- Phase II housing is in the bidding stage now, with occupancy planned for a year from this fall. Additional parking will be included.
- Crosswalk signs or speed bumps by Mulvane were discussed with President Farley. A flashing crosswalk light is currently being installed at 17th and Boswell.
- Discount tickets for Worlds of Fun and Oceans of Fun may be available at the Corner Store in the Union this fall.

## New Business

Linda Spaulding reported on the new Aspire program which will be initiated June 12th. It is a form of B.E.S.T. training for employees in a non-supervisory position. Contact your supervisor if interested in attending. There is no charge to the attendee or to their department. Contact Human Resources for more information - ex. 1538.

President Farley enjoyed the Employee Recognition Ceremony - thought it was very nice. He is still hopeful that a salary program can be implemented in the next fiscal year, but nothing can be finalized until the Legislature makes their final allotments. Two project committees have been formed: one to assess labs and other physical needs of Stoffer, the other to assess Bradbury Thompson and the increased need for office space for WEA and the Alumni Association.

## Announcements

Flowers will be planted tomorrow beginning at 8:30 a.m. at Benton. Anyone who can be spared from their office is welcome to help.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m. The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 4 at 3 p.m. in MO204. There will be no meetings in July or August unless some pressing agenda item arises.