

Staff Council Minutes

June 11, 2008

Present: John Haverty, Lori Rognlie, Summer Harris, Lori Spurgeon, Ginger Spivery, Shirley Jacobson (for Dee Barker), Angela Valdivia, Jennifer Hill, Becky Shaffer

John called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM. John and President Farley were not able to meet this month.

Guest Speaker

Lacey Bisnett, a student, stated that Washburn All Green and WSGA and other student organizations are looking into to a recycling system here at Washburn. The plan is to have a recycling area here on campus and to maybe build a corral by the old married-student housing for a drive-through area to drop off recyclables. They have met with Shawnee County recycling which will provide containers and pick them up. President of WSGA Whitney Phillipi is still trying to get with our facility services for approval and with President Farley. Lacey basically wanted our support and John plans to let President Farley know that we are behind the idea and that we see a need for it.

Report from President

Have been working on the budget and should be approved by June 28th. The tuition will increase up to 6%. There will be a big celebration coming soon with the new name for KAW Area Technical School. They would like everyone to attend. President Farley suggested that we have one of our meetings out at the Kaw since there will be a representative that will be added to the Staff Council as well.

They are studying the recruitment process with the students and they will be finding out recommendations from the consultants this Friday.

Effective July 1st retirees will not have to pay income tax.

Whiting has been approved and will be doing construction soon.

Sale tax is rebounding and is going very well and President Farley does not see a problem with it.

The four polices on Drug & alcohol, children in the workplace, driving, and new employee background check have all been put into action.

Volunteer: We hosted the VAL awards today at WU and they will not meet again until July 11th.

Soap Dispensers: Eric Moss says that the foam soap is coming to all buildings and the new paper towel dispensers also. They just have to adjust for each restroom regarding space limitations, and time to get them installed.

Bike Racks: Ed from facility services gave a map to Lori which she showed staff council. There are 18 bike racks on campus right now. They have to be very sensitive of where to put them because of the pouring of concrete and because of snow removal. A question, which will be sent to the Benefits Committee, was brought up about being able to borrow against TIAA-CREF.

Thanks to all who participated and volunteered with the emergency management POD exercise held on campus in May. It was a great success, per Becky.

No July meeting will be held. August meeting date will be announced.

Submitted by Vicki Baer