

Staff Council Minutes

September 5, 2001

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Mary Beth Bero with the following members in attendance: LaJean Rinker, Sally Dyke, Elaine Gill, Megan DeJohn, Betty Fischer, Jane Stewart, Connie DiPasquale, Bob Stoller, Debbie Vinning, Mary Beth Bero, Joyce Abbott, Heidi Crosland, and Karen Simpson (for Rich Robbins' position).

The minutes of the August 1, 2001 meeting were approved to be posted to the Web.

Committee Reports

LaJean Rinker of the Election Committee reported that we have received these nominations from the following groups: Adm B - 2; Adm D - 1; Adm F - 0; Hr B - 3; Hr D - 0; Hr F - 1; Hr H - 1; and Hr J - 0. Those groups that have no nominees or only one were encouraged to contact their members to generate interest in serving on Staff Council for the upcoming 2 years. Mary Beth Bero reported from the Benefits Committee that the health insurance rates will be going up. This committee recommended Option A which would keep the co-pay and deductible the same but would raise the drug costs. This option would cause the smallest increase to the majority of WU's employees. This should be going to the Board in September and open meetings will be held later to educate faculty and staff about the new rates, etc. The Shared Leave proposal will be going to the Board of Regents next week. The tiered benefits proposal will be delayed until a more appropriate date.

Bob Stoller reported for the Change Management Team that the project is at the negotiating stage between our team and the vendor. They are trying to get the proposal ready for the Board meeting next week. The Committee is still working on training individuals who have little knowledge of computers and helping others with adjustments that will have to be made when the new software is on-line. They are still setting up group meetings for training and information purposes.

Corporate Volunteer Council Rep was unable to attend but she sent a message that she will not be serving again next year so we need a new volunteer.

Connie DiPasquale reported that the Safety Committee has not met in quite some time but things seem to be going smoothly.

Betty Fischer reported that 53.8% of the trash for August was recycled which is a slight increase. She also reported that telephone books had been recycled.

Heidi Crosland brought brochures regarding Homecoming which she passed around. They still need volunteers to help with the Tailgate after the game on October 6.

The Evaluation Committee is still waiting for a response from management before they can proceed with their new evaluation form.

Old Business

Mary Beth Bero reported that she sent a memo to President Farley requesting that some of the Faculty/Staff Campaign funds go to pay for the crosswalk at 17th Street. She has not had a reply. She also reported that she had recommended LaJean Rinker for the B.E.S.T. program in September and she will be attending starting tomorrow. She gave a Thank You to Bob Stoller for updating the Web. Sue Van Sickle will be doing all our Web posting, etc. starting in October 6

Information Items

Heath Martin has taken a job elsewhere so Robin Tegethoff from Admissions has volunteered to be their rep and Megan DeJohn will serve as Alternate. We are all to check for rooms for the December meeting as Kansas room is not available.

Our next meeting will be October 3 in the Kansas Room with both the old and new staff council members in attendance. We will have a reception at 3 p.m. and will invite President Farley. After the reception the new members will hold their regular October meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m. LaJean Rinker,
Secretary