

Staff Council Minutes

December 12, 2017

Members Present: Eileen Brouddus, Haley Grant, Kathy Iwig, Cherisa Jones, Kelly Mourning-Byers, Lori Rognlie, Mari Tucker, and Justin Villmer.

Members not present: Kim Fletcher, Wanda Hinton, Jim Kelly, Kim Meehan, and Kim Sturgeon.

- I. The meeting was called to order by Justin Villmer at 3:02 p.m., and attendance was taken.
- II. The November 14, 2017, minutes were presented for approval. It was moved by Kelly Mourning-Byers, and seconded by Mari Tucker to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
- III. Reports from Committees
 - a. President's
 - Justin reported: Dr. Farley encouraged the representatives to speak with their constituents to get their comments and suggestions. He would like to see the Staff Council energized and believes the council is a good asset and important to the University.
 - b. Board of Regents
 - Justin shared the Board would be discussing and voting on the possibility of building an indoor practice field.
 - c. All Faculty/Staff Email
 - Mari reported the committee discussed different options (e.g., Workplace Chat2) official platforms to eliminate email clutter.
 - Eileen, who serves on the committee representing the IT department; shared background information on the committee's purpose and past discussions.
 - d. Benefits
 - Kelly shared some of the aspects of the vision plan and how to search for providers by zip code.
 - e. Food Advisory – No Report
 - f. Parking Ticket – No Report
 - g. Safety Committee – No Report
 - Kelly volunteered to serve as the representative for this committee.
- IV. New Business / Items for Discussion
 - a. Holiday Party/Luncheon

- There were comments shared that the food was disappointing. The dessert selection was poor, disappointing. Some said they missed the old parties Washburn used to have. It was said, maybe they have scaled back too far. It was asked who was responsible for planning the party, and was there a staff council representative on the committee. This will be looked into.
 - b. It is tentatively scheduled that Dr. Farley will attend the February 13, 2018, Staff Council meeting. Council needs to prepare to present our mission, purpose. Prepare questions for him, which will be sent to him in advance. Including what's staff role in the Strategic Plan.
 - c. Creating a Bereavement Policy for Washburn. Representatives are to request feedback from their constituents as to what they would like to see in a bereavement policy.
- V. Announcements
- a. Next Staff Council meeting will be January 9, 2018, at 3:00 p.m., in the Lincoln Room at the Union.
- VI. Meeting Adjourned
- It was moved by Kelly and seconded by Haley to adjourn the meeting at 4:09 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes submitted by Cherisa Jones, approved on January 9, 2018.