

## Staff Council Minutes

August 12, 2014

**Members present:** Shane Bartley, Tami Boten, Ryan Calovich, Kim Fletcher, Marta Haut, Jenith Hoover, Donna Lacey, Lou Olsen, Gayla Sarkesian, Dan Schmidt (for Kathryn Stroebele), Kim Sturgeon, Anne Walbridge and Dona Walker

**Members not present:** Jen Blackburn, Cory Payne, Mary Kay Thornburg

- I. Shane Bartley called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.
- II. Reports
  - a. Shane Bartley, Chair – Welcome back from the summer break. Shane met with President Farley. Dr. Farley discussed that salary increases for Washburn is contingent on enrollment and if there are any increases, they would not be effective until January 2015. Washburn Tech was awarded increases that became effective in July. Upcoming big event is the Fall Classic Football game at Arrowhead. November 15<sup>th</sup> vs Northwestern, tickets are available at WUSports.com
  - b. Benefits Committee – No meeting to report.
  - c. Safety Committee – Dona Walker – no meeting to report.
- III. Discussion Items
  - a. Gender Neutral Restrooms – With new remodels and new architecture, the need for gender neutral restrooms will be addressed. An additional topic that we would like to explore is the availability and location of Pumping Stations for Nursing Mothers. A subcommittee will be formed to research and help explore this area. Staff Council members are Dona Walker, Marta Haut and Kimberly Fletcher. The subcommittee will include representation from President’s Office, HR, Student Life, LLC and WSGA.
  - b. Status of iSave program for faculty/staff – Shane will be meeting with WSGA and will initiate the conversation that will include Alumni Association.
  - c. The next Staff Council meeting will be September 9<sup>th</sup>.
- IV. New Business
  - a. Will we have Friday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> OFF as Administrative Closing? This would need to be placed on the BOR Agenda and approved by the board. As of today, no the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January will be a work day.
  - b. Newspaper program for faculty/staff like the one that WSGA does for students. Shane will bring this up when he meets with WSGA, gather information and report back to Staff Council where discussion will continue.
  - c. Sick Leave accumulation compensation upon retirement. This needs to be brought to the benefits committee because there is a current policy in place.
- V. Announcements
  - a. Planning will begin for elections for members for terms starting October 1.
- VI. Shane Bartley adjourned the meeting at 4:02 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Marta Haut

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