

Staff Council Minutes

May 10, 2011

Present: Lynn, Bailey, Melissa Lewis, Mary Kay Thornburg, Mary Allen, Vicki Baer, Daniel Schmidt, Jenith Hoover, Cathy Latham, Brenda White, Donna Lacey, Donna Clark, Lou Olsen, Marcia Lessenden, Mindy Rendon

Lynn welcomed Elliott Haugen, ISS Director and consultant, who shared with staff council information about the functions of the ISS department. He said the ISS Technology Steering committee determined the directions and wants of the University and that an inclusive ISS planning foundation has been established. The Technology Steering Committee is responsible for ensuring the strategic plan development and deployment of university information, technology resources, services and support. It has developed specific objectives to implement the plan, including the adjustment of information security, development of the iAlert system and development of an IT policy for the University policy manual. ISS staff priorities now include flexibility in assisting employees with IT problems, professional development in the areas of skill development and customer service, all-staff meetings and involvement in the budget planning process. Technology initiatives for upgrading and improvement have been completed, and there is opportunity for other advances. Following a question and answer session, Elliot left the meeting.

Lynn called the meeting to order.

Lynn reported that Dr. Farley is confident that the Kansas legislature will restore the \$5.5 million that was proposed to be cut by the House from Washburn's budget in its final budget session. Dr. Farley has been in constant contact with House members and legislators.

The Benefits Committee has not met.

The Outstanding Service Awards program was discussed. There have been complaints received about the differences in recognition for length of service between faculty and staff. It was agreed to suggest that for future award programs the recognitions be similar. Donna moved that certificates of recognition be given to all employees nominated for outstanding service awards. Mary Kay seconded, and the motion carried.

It was suggested that recognition for employees employed less than 5 years be considered with the thought being that doing so acknowledges their contributions and would encourage those employees to remain at the university.

Lynn expressed disappointment in the low attendance at the CIO candidate open sessions, and encouraged all in attendance to watch the candidate videos and provide feedback to the Vice Presidents for Academic Affairs and Administration and Treasurer by Wednesday, May 11. He encouraged interaction with the new director when brought to campus.

No new business was brought forward.

Daniel distributed information about the Washburn Tech car show scheduled for Friday, the 13th. The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.

Unless a need develops before then, the next meeting will be held in August.