Staff Council Minutes
March 2, 1999.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mary Beth Bero, Dorothy Hedman, Dave Boose, John Chiapetto, Jannett Wiens, Karen Simpson, Rich Robbins, Bob Stoller, Heidi Crossland, Marj Murray, Anita Huff, Mary Allen, Betty Fisher.

GUESTS PRESENT

President Farley, Deborah Birney and LaJean Rinker

President Farley was present to discuss the responsibilities of the staff council from his perspective.

- Opportunity to raise/discuss issues from staff
- Should deal more with conceptual issues, (the why not how)
- The President's office will assign the council university wide issues that affect faculty/staff to discuss and give an opinion on
- Communication link to faculty/staff
- A representative group for staff such as the University Council is for faculty and student groups for the student body
- Funnel comments/issues to appropriate departments

Dr. Farley discussed his forming of a university wide Benefits Committee that will be formed in the near future. He asked the Staff Council to make a recommendation as to the committee structure.

The minutes of the February meeting were approved as written.

Rich Robbins gave the subcommittee report on recommended changes to the Outstanding Employee Service Award. The recommended changes are as follows:

1. A form to be completed by the nominee (voluntary)
2. An evaluation form to be filled out by 2 additional employees identified by the nominee
3. The 5-member staff council subcommittee be part of the selection committee
4. An email be sent to entire university about the changes to the selection process
5. An evaluation form to be handed out at the ceremony
6. A plaque purchased for each winner to be displayed on campus

After much discussion, Betty Fisher moved to support the committees recommendation of changes to the Outstanding Employee Service Award program with the appropriate changes suggested by the Staff Council. John Chiapetto seconded the motion and it carried.
Bob Stoller was asked to draft an email to all faculty/staff outlining changes in the program and asking for more nominations for the award. A copy of the new procedure/forms will be hand delivered to Tom Ellis in the president's office.

NEW BUSINESS

Marj Murray had two information items to relay to the committee:

1. It was suggested that WU advertise the "no hidden fees" tuition
2. Have the cost of computer figured in with student tuition

Anita Huff explained to the council that currently students are able to put the cost of a computer in their student loan, but they will be dealt with case by case and will require a receipt of purchase.

There being no further business Betty Fisher moved to adjourn at 4:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie Chaffee
Secretary