

# **Staff Council Minutes**

## **April 2, 2003**

LaJean Rinker called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Present: LaJean Rinker, Donna Lacey, Lori Rognlie, Judy Leismann, Nancy Zwiener, Kelli Clevenger, Melissa Doebele, Mike Jauken, Jamison Johnson, Stephen Shaughnessy, Linda Spaulding, Kristine Jenkins, Sally Dyke, Dee Barker, Mary Grooms, Caroline Fox, Karmen Byers.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Benefits**

No report.

#### **Change Management**

We were reminded of the PIE training (Human Resources part of Banner). Employees need to update their I-card in the Union before enrolling for one of the seminars. The PIE training may be mandatory for all employees.

#### **Corporate Volunteer**

Nancy Zwiener said there is an opportunity to help clean up the Topeka Cemetery in May. There was discussion about employees volunteering to deliver Meals on Wheels or other volunteering during the employee's working time. Employees should make arrangements with their supervisors to take time off.

#### **Recycling**

It was announced that the forms indicating what can be recycled are still not posted on the recycling bins. Mike Jauken will check this out.

#### **Safety**

No report.

#### **Employee Recognition**

Since LaJean has been nominated for an award, Judy Leismann will preside during the ceremony for the staff awards. The recognition is May 1.

## Old Business:

- The new nurse practitioner is now working in Health Services.
- After our groups were surveyed about a possible employee activities committee, there didn't seem to be enough interest to establish a committee. Employees stated that they thought the idea was good, but didn't have time to participate. There was discussion about the possibility of some place in the Union selling discount tickets to events. Melissa Doebele and Jamison Johnson will check into this before the next meeting.
- The United Way kickoff will be at 4 p.m. today with a helicopter landing with President Farley and Ron Wasserstein. The campaign will culminate with a faculty/staff vs. students slow-pitch baseball game at 5 p.m. on April 10. The theme is "If You Give, They Will Come."
- There was discussion about a crosswalk sign between the Mulvane Art Gallery and the parking lots across the street.

## New Business

The new recreation center will be available for faculty and staff for a fee. Students pay a fee with their tuition. Hours: TBA.

President Farley said that the Finance Committee has met and Washburn is financially viable. Contracts will not be available by July 1. He is working on a budget package and is trying to include at least modest salary increases.

Bidding for the new Phase II dorm will be during April or May. Parking is to be connected to the housing.

It was suggested that a parking lot needs to be built south of the tennis courts to accommodate softball, football, and basketball games as well as tennis matches. This parking area would also provide parking for the new rec center.

LaJean sent a congratulations card to Ron McHenry and the Lady Blues.

## Announcements

Thanks for the trash cans in the parking lot behind Henderson and the Library.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40. Next meeting will be Wednesday, May 7 at 3 p.m.