Staff Council Minutes
April 11, 2007

Members present: Kelli Clevenger (Chair), Angela Valdivia, Bill Bunten, Heidi Stepp, Vicki Baer, Lori Spurgeon, Becky Shaffer, Dee Barker, Lynn Bailey, Angela Horn and Lori Rognlie.

Kelli called the meeting to order at 3:00pm in MO 204.

Reports

From the President:

Four policies will be coming up for review, needing feedback and comments from staff.

1. Motor vehicles and insurance carrier- They want a driving background check for all individuals who transport students and who drive for Washburn University.
2. Drug screens- Testing for sensitive positions (health workers, education and boilers) or for reasonable suspicion. Allied health and Nursing already do this.
3. Criminal Background checks- Coaches and Resident Assistants already do this. Talk about expanding this.
4. Kids in the workplace. Faculty have been bringing them, now there is a talk for a policy for the rest of the staff. Have been looking at other agency policies for ideas. Might form an ad hoc committee regarding this.

WEA is in their new location. Possible open house in May, and there hasn't been a decision on who's going to the old building. WU is completing the classroom updates. Still searching for a library and Mulvane Art Dean. Nursing is expanding class sizes. Tuition will increase for 2007-2008.

Corporate Volunteer:

Lori Rognlie reported they are working on awards for June 13. The categories will be: 18 and under, 19-54, 55 +, and group/family/organizations. Nominations will go out next week. Collection of toiletries for Operation Clean Sweep is still underway.

Benefits:

Benefits meeting is 5/2. Death and bereavement policy is still being addressed. Also, they are trying to eliminate the one vacation day during winter break.

Employee Recognition:

Angela Valdivia reported that the employee recognition ceremony will be tomorrow.
Old Business

Lori Spurgeon reported on the pink soap issue and said that foam dispensers and soap may be a viable alternative in Morgan. She will discuss further with Shirley and report at the next meeting.

New Business

None

Announcements

There has been talk about outsourcing dining services and facilities.

The next meeting will be May 16, 2007 at 3:00pm in Morgan 204.

Meeting adjourned.