Staff Council Minutes
October 6, 2004

Staff Council meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by president, Judy Liesmann. New members and out-going members were present for the meeting.

Election of Officers:

Officers for the current year were elected as follows:

- President – Susan Jarchow
- Vice-President – Lynn Bailey
- Secretary – Brenda White

Sue Jarchow continued with the agenda as the new president of Staff Council for 2004-2005.

There is still a need for staff council representatives for the areas of Administrative A, Hourly A, and Hourly C. Sue will ask areas for volunteers. If none are identified, alternates from other areas may be asked to represent one of these groups.

Committee Reports:

Benefits:

No meeting since last Staff Council meeting. No report.

Four members of Staff Council can sit on the Benefits Committee. Mike Stover will replace Mike Jauken on this committee. Other members will be Susan Jarchow, Judy Liesmann, & Brenda White.

Banner Report:

Sue reported that this Fall 2004 will be the first time that faculty will report grades within Banner through Self Service. Training sessions will be conducted, with some targeting specific faculty, such as adjuncts. Donna LaLonde and Susan Jarchow are the contacts for this training.

Mike Stover reported on additional items related to Banner.

Banner Bods are back! Meetings are being held on Fridays at 11am in Benton 210. This week they will concentrate on entering requisitions in native Banner. You don’t have to be a Banner Bod to attend. Other topics have included: Crystal Live reports & mailing labels. Banner will be upgraded in Dec. to version 6. There are some slight navigation changes. Training sessions will be held.
New: In version 6, faculty will be able to view student holds.

Corporate Volunteers:

No report. Martha McCoy will report later.

Recycling:

Mike Jauken stated that recycling includes: paper, plastic, & cardboard. Lori Spurgeon stated that the Humane Society is still taking shredded paper. If you are interested, it will need to be delivered to the Humane Society.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

President Farley joined the group to provide information on projects and events. He emphasized that Staff Council is a great communication avenue for staff to relay information to the administration and for President Farley to ask questions of staff and input from staff.

He stated again that for the first year the Health Plan for WU saw no increase in cost to employees and no dramatic change in benefits. He also stated that the Benefits committee is an important committee.

Pres. Farley will check into the status of the Reinstatement of Benefits proposal. He believes it will go to the board soon, if it hasn’t already. He is supporting approval of the proposal.

Next week forums will be held to ask for input on enrollment and the future of Washburn University. He encouraged all to attend and provide input.

The Chapel is near completion. There will be an opening ceremony. The chapel will be named at the next board meeting.

Announcements:

CLASS is having a majors fair on Oct. 27th in the Washburn room. They encourage departments (especially academic departments) to set up a table for the fair.

The bookstore will be raffling a scooter. Money collected from the raffle will be donated to the United Way.

Sue reported that classified announcements could be electronically posted in the group’s section of mywashburn under a group titled:
Classifieds. Dr. Gonzalez is the group administrator.

Next Staff Council meeting will be at 3:00 pm on Wednesday, November 3rd. in Morgan 204.