Staff Council Minutes  
October 29, 2008

Members present : John Haverty, Lori Rognlie, Melissa Lewis, Kristin Forster, Lori Spurgeon, Sandy Selden, Beth Kuhn, Cathy Latham, Joyce Hutchins, Marcia Lessenden, Sarah Tenfelde-Dubois, Dee Barker, Vicki Baer, Lisa Heigert, Val VanDerSluis.

John called the meeting to order. He welcomed the new representatives to the Staff Council and thanked the outgoing members for their dedication to Staff Council.

**Report from President**

John met with President Farley and learned that the amount of fire damage in the LLC elevators is actually estimated to be $200,000 rather than the amount reported by the media. Board of Regents will meet November 14 at the School of Law building. President expects that the Regents will wait to see what comes from the legislative session before making any budget decisions for next fiscal year.

**Corporate Volunteer**

Lori Rognlie requested that because of the economy we are all encouraged to adopt needy families this year. Operation Clean Sweep for the collection of toiletries is on-going until December when the community agencies will come to Washburn to collect the toiletries. This year’s goal is 10 boxes of toiletries collected, and we have 8 boxes right now.

**Benefits Committee**

John reported that the altered work week request is still tabled until someone can provide information on how an option of altered work weeks would benefit the employees as well as the University.

Val explained proposed changes to the Staff Council bylaws as it pertains to the length of office for President and elections for general Council members. It is proposed that the person elected president shall serve two years, regardless of when the person’s Staff Council term ends, for the purpose of providing continuity to the group. A second proposed change is that current Council members would solicit their representative group to serve on the Council. These contacts will be made by email rather than paper. The above changes were approved.

John solicited volunteers for vice president and secretary. Lori Rognlie was selected vice president, and Lisa Heigert was selected secretary, with Vicki Baer as the back-up secretary.

Val reported that no one came forward to represent Administrative A or Administrative E. Lori Spurgeon will represent Admin A and Joyce Hutchins will represent Admin E.
Volunteers were solicited for Benefit Committee Representatives. Sarah Dubois and Wanda Hinton will serve as the Hourly Representatives and Sandy Seldon will serve as the Administrative Representative.

**Discussion Items**

Sheltered Covers for buses was discussed and tabled at this time. Issue will be referred to Student Council.

The heat has been turned on in buildings as of Monday 10-27-08. A request needs to be made to facilities if your area is still cold. John is going to check on the heat policy and check with Darrell in regards to space heaters.

Issue was brought up in regards to having Chartwell’s serve healthier foods and provide options for those with special diets. Lori and John will discuss with Celeste, the Employee Wellness Coordinator, and report back next month.

Kristin is going to have the soup of the day added to the weekly menu flyer.

KTWU Auction is November 13th through the 16th. Volunteers are needed.

Mabee Library will be offering extended hours this year during and around finals week.

Meeting adjourned.