Staff Council Minutes
November 2, 2005

Members present: Lori Rognlie, Lynn Bailey, Kristin Kelly, Lynn Glotzbach, Dale Rusche, Linda Oldham Burns, Jessie Smith, Val VanDerSluis, Becky Shaffer, Janet Degginger, Vicki Baer, Lori Spurgeon, Bill Bunten

Lynn Bailey called the meeting to order.

Bylaws

Current bylaws were distributed by Lynn Bailey. Due to some events that occurred in the recent elections, clarification of the bylaws is being recommended. With the aid of Ken Hackler, University Counsel, there was some clarification made to the verbiage and the revised bylaws were distributed. The clarification involved defining the term "all staff". There is one change that is being suggested in Section 3: Ballot. The change recommended is to allow a ballot with a single nomination to have a write-in line. Linda Oldham Burns recommended adding a more complete explanation to the bylaws. Lynn Bailey will work with Ken Hackler on accomplishing that. Lynn Bailey also requested that each member review their part of the Appendixes, correct them, and return the corrections to him.

Reports

From the President:

- He recommended reviewing the bylaws as he has also recommended the Board of Regents to do so as well.
- The Friday with Farley has been canceled and Breakfast with Farley has replaced it. Departments throughout campus are being invited and the format is a question and answer forum.
- President Farley mentioned that budget time is approaching and at this point he doesn't anticipate any big changes from the legislature.
- The fall semester enrollment was considered flat, with just a 22 student increase.
- The Transformational Experience is getting underway and campus should start seeing information coming soon.
- President Farley or David Monical will be attending the December meeting to talk about the taxpayer’s bill of rights. They will be explaining the issues and how it will affect us.

Nominations and Elections:

There is still a vacancy in Hourly A and Hourly J. A special election will have to be held for Hourly J and Hourly A.
Corporate Volunteer:

Lori Rognlie reported that the committee met.

- She sent out an email in regards to the first volunteer opportunity which is the Festival of Trees being held Dec. 1-4. She has received some response to that email, but there is still need for more volunteers.
- Operation Clean Sweep will be getting started soon and Lori needs depts. that would be willing to place a collection box in their area. There will also be a wrap-up luncheon on Dec. 6th, held here on campus.
- Lori mentioned there is a benefit for volunteering through the Heartland Share, but she is going to get more information and she will be reporting back.

Benefits:

Val VanDerSluis reported that the committee met earlier in the day.

- New Employee Orientation was revisited to see the progress of the program. The video has been authorized and it is available on DVD or VHS. The booklet has been under revision and it has been forwarded to President Farley for his approval.
- Shared Leave Program is under review from the committee. The committee is working on revising the program. Some of the potential revisions are the Short Term Disability clause, a lifetime limit, and the budgetary limitations.

Old Business

None

New Business

Lori Rognlie mentioned the discretionary day. It will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Announcements

KTWU Auction starts Thursday, Nov. 3, and goes through Sunday, Nov. 6.
Math Day is Nov. 8 and there will be over 500 students on campus.
The Holiday Party is Dec. 1st and the committee is looking for donations for door prizes.

Next meeting -- December 7, 2005 in Morgan room 204