Staff Council Minutes
November 4, 1998

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bob Stoller, Heidi Crosland, Jim Kelly, Jannett Wiens, Mary Beth Bero, Dorothy Hedman, Stephanie Teeselink, Marj Murray, Melissa Smyth, Kay Coen, Anita Huff, Betty Fischer and Vickie Chaffee.

OTHERS PRESENT

Harold Rood and Deborah Birney

The minutes of the October 7, 1998 meeting were approved as written.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Bob Stoller reported on his meeting with President Farley. The items discussed were as follows:

- NEW HIRE ORIENTATION
  Dr. Farley was in full support of this idea and has assigned the Orientation issue to the Personnel Dept. He also indicated that he would like to expand the program to include supervisory training with outside presenters. He also indicated that he would make funds available for staff orientation if needed.

- DONATED LEAVE
  Dr. Farley indicated that he was planning to form a university-wide Benefits Committee and assign that newly formed committee the Donated Leave proposal.

- BUDGET FOR UNIVERSITY COUNCIL
  Dr. Farley's office will pay for staff council expenses this fiscal year, and a line item for staff council will need to be addressed before next fiscal year.

Harold Rood was present to explain the DONATED LEAVE POLICY to the committee and to ask for the committee's support. After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Mary Beth Bero and seconded by Betty Fisher, to send a letter to the University Council endorsing the concept of the Donated Leave policy, but outline the committee's concerns regarding implementation.

STAFF COUNCIL E-MAIL ALIAS

The committee discussed whether or not to expand the staff council e-mail list to include the alternates, Tom Ellis, and Deborah Birney. The committee decided that two e-mail lists should be formed, one with agenda and minutes that would go out to the committee, the alternates and any other interested party. The other list would include only current staff council members to be used for committee dialog.
DETERMINING PRIORITIES FOR COUNCIL

The committee discussed how to proceed with current year priorities. It was decided that a survey would be developed that would be sent out to all university employees asking for their input into issues that have not been resolved from last year and any new issues of interest. Vickie Chaffee and Marge Murray volunteered to work with Bob Stoller to develop the survey.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.