Staff Council Minutes
December 17, 2008


John called the meeting to order.

Report from President

None

Corporate Volunteer Report

Operation Clean Sweep was a success. Over 30 boxes of toiletry items were donated and Washburn and Kaw Area Technical School collected more than half of the total boxes. Thanks to everyone! New boxes will be started again in January.

Benefits Committee Report

None

Action Items

John updated the staff council listing. Everyone is to review and let John know if any changes need to be made. John is working on compiling a list for Kaw Area Technical School employees. We will have a Staff Council Meeting at Kaw Area Technical School sometime in the future.

John forwarded the bylaws to the President for his comment and approval. The bylaws have been sent to Ken Hackler (Washburn Attorney) for review. President Farley said they look fine, but wanted Ken to check them.

Discussion Items

John sent an email to Facilities in regards to information on space heaters. He will follow up with them again.

Health Insurance Discussion: Joel Bluml joined us today and voiced his thoughts and concerns in regards to health insurance premiums. A motion was approved and 2nd to forward this issue to the benefits committee.
Domestic Partner Health Insurance: We reviewed the memo from the Faculty Affairs Committee in regards to adding Domestic Partners to Washburn’s health insurance plan. A motion was approved and 2nd to forward this issue to the benefits committee.

Strategic Plan Initiatives: Dr. Gunter would like some feedback from the Staff Council on strategic plan issues. We are to rate the suggestion list that was complied and return to John. John is checking with Dr. Gunter in regards to the possibility of doing an online survey in order to receive more input from other faculty and staff. The suggestion to do an online survey was approved. John will be working to get this online, but it will probably be after the start of the new year.

Department Awards for spring: A request has been made to have someone lead a small group to discuss the new award and produce the governing rules/criteria/requirements etc. for this new award. Karen Simpson (English) said that she would lead this group and she will find volunteers from Staff Council to help write the policies for awarding the awards.

Announcements

ISS will pay for maintenance kits for HPLaser Jet Printers. You may bring your old printer toner to Bennett 104 and they will recycle it. They prefer them to be in the original boxes.

Next Staff Council Meeting is Wednesday, January 21st at 2pm.

Meeting Adjourned.