

Staff Council Minutes

October 2, 2002

Present: Dee Barker, Mary Beth Bero, Kelli Clevenger, Melissa Doebele, Sally Dyke, Elaine Gill, Mary Grooms, Shirley Jacobson, Mike Jauken, Mary Jones, Donna Lacey, Judy Liesmann, LaJean Rinker, Lori Rognlie, Linda Spaulding, Debbie Vinning, Nancy Zwiener.

LaJean Rinker called the meeting to order.

Committee Reports

Benefits Committee

Committee has not met since the last Staff Council meeting. LaJean contacted Allen Easley regarding the possible addition of grandchildren to the list of family members in the Sick Leave Policy, the same 'sex &/or domestic partner' possible benefits, and the proposal of raising the cap on number of hours earned and able to accrue for employees with more than fifteen years of service. These issues have been on hold in order to deal with health insurance.

Change Management

Mitch Higgs said that information about the activation of My.Washburn will be distributed to faculty and staff beginning October 17. Pine will not be going away.

Corporate Volunteer

Nancy Zwiener did not receive information regarding the blanket drive until it was too late for Washburn to participate. She spoke about 'Operation Clean Sweep' which will benefit Doorstep, Women's Recovery Center, Battered Women Task Force, and the Salvation Army. Toiletries, paper products, and items on the YWCA's Battered Women Task Force wish list (distributed to committee members) will be collected in specially marked boxes in buildings across campus. Nancy will send out a campus-wide e-mail. She also distributed fliers to post asking for volunteers for Meals on Wheels.

Safety

Several members of Staff Council attended the fire extinguisher training and shared that most extinguishers only have about 45 seconds of retardant in them, but small fires can be put out in just a few seconds. Mike Jauken noted that you can check and see if your home fire extinguisher is still functional by turning it upside down. It should still work if the powder inside seems to move up and down. E-Kan is one of the companies in town that services fire extinguishers. Mike also said that green florescent, pedestrian walk signs have been installed (on campus) on Plass St. at crosswalks from the Law School to LLC and also from the west parking lot across Plass toward Benton.

Evaluations

No report.

Elections

Admin A-no replacement yet, Admin C-Troy Fey replaces Robin Tegethoff, Admin. E-Jamison Johnson replaces Betty Fischer with Debi Schrock as alternate, Hourly A- Kristine Jenkins replaces Heidi Crosland, Hourly C-Mary Grooms replaces Debbie Vinning, Hourly E-LaJean Rinker reelected with Lori Rognlie as alternate, Hourly G-Linda Spaulding was elected with Mary Jones as the alternate, Hourly I-Shirley Jacobson replaces Mary Beth Bero with Dee Barker as alternate.

Old Business

Staff Council elections are as follows:

President, LaJean Rinker

Vice-President, Judy Liesmann

Secretary, Donna Lacey

Replacements on committees:

Benefits: Judy Liesman and Mike Jauken replaced Debbie Vinning and Mary Beth Bero; Caroline Fox will replace Mary Allen.

Recycling: Mike Jauken will replace Betty Fischer on the Recycling Committee.

New Business

LaJean visited with Dr. Farley about general items, but has nothing to report. He will attend the next Staff Council meeting and welcome the new members. La Jean thanked the retiring staff members and welcomed the new members. She also encouraged new and returning council members to inform the members of their group after each Staff Council meeting.

One vacant position remains on Staff Council - LaJean will contact staff in that area to try to fill the position.

The next meeting will be November 6 at 3:00 p.m. in MO204.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45.