

Staff Council Minutes

December 7, 2005

Members present: Lori Rognlie, Lynn Bailey-Chairperson, Lynn Metz, Linda Oldham Burns, Jessie Smith-Secretary, Wanda Hinton, Joyce Hutchins, Val VanDerSluis, Becky Shaffer, Vicki Baer, Lori Spurgeon, Bill Bunten

Lynn Bailey, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

Bylaws

The Bylaws have been revised and Lynn asked if anyone had any questions. No questions were asked. Becky Shaffer motioned to accept the revisions and Vicki Baer seconded that motion. All eligible voting members approved of the revisions.

Reports

From the President:

Lynn reported that he met with President Farley:

- President Farley discussed the current consolidation issue. Washburn University is definitely going to be impacted since one Board of Regent representative comes from the county and three from the city.
- The Transformational Experience is going to the Board of Regents the next meeting.

Corporate Volunteer:

Lori Rognlie reported:

- December 6th wrapped up Operation Clean Sweep. Washburn's contribution was a huge success!

Benefits:

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

- The Committee spent a lot of time revising the Shared Leave Program. Harold Rood, Chairperson, is putting the revisions together to be reviewed at the next meeting.
- There will be a consultant joining the committee at the next meeting with information about a group policy on long-term care insurance.

Old Business

Lynn has had some response/inquiries about the list of issues that is on the website. The list has not been updated for some time. Lynn asked for two volunteers to research minutes and try to update the dates on issues. Once the issues have been updated, then Staff Council will know which ones we need to be working with. Bill Bunten and Vicki Baer volunteered. Lynn passed around a print out of the current website.

New Business

Lynn wanted to welcome the two new Representatives: Joyce Hutchins from Hourly J and Lynn Metz from Hourly A.

Guest Speaker

President Farley joined the meeting to explain the Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR). It is an important issue that the Legislature is taking under consideration for the state of Kansas. The purpose of the bill is to put a cap on tax revenues that the state can collect. It is evidence in states that already have this bill, that funding is reduced for higher education. President Farley asked us to keep informed on this issue and share the information with coworkers/peers. It is an important bill that could definitely impact Washburn University.

The College Hill renovation project was also discussed. The University is supporting the project and the details have yet to be worked out.

Announcements

Val VanDerSluis passed around a Recycling Directory that she has received from the Keep America Beautiful -- Topeka/Shawnee County Program.

The January meeting has been changed and it will be held on January 04, 2006.

Meeting adjourned.