

Staff Council Minutes—December 13, 2012

Members	Present
Greg Dudenhoeffer, Chair	Yes
Misty Young, Vice Chair	No
Vic Rackers, Parliamentarian	Yes
Mike Downey, Secretary	Yes
Scott Armstrong	Yes
Lantie Basinger	Yes
Greg Brower	No
Carlos Graham	Yes
Tisha Huffer	Yes
Leo Kline	Yes
Bill O'Day	No
Tyanna Penny	Yes
Becki Rockers	No
Kelly Schlosser	Yes
Arlene Stewart	Yes
Irasema Steck	No
Christopher Sutton	No
Michael Tarka	Yes
Cindy Thompson	No
Karen Thompson	Yes
Sylvia Wilson	Yes

Greg Dudenhoeffer opened the meeting. He asked the Council for permission to re-order the agenda of the meeting to accommodate the speakers. The Council agreed by acclamation.

New Business

Purchase of Jefferson City School District Buildings and Budget Shortfall

President Hamacher spoke on the agreement that Lincoln University has reached with Jefferson City Public Schools to purchase the high school and Simenson Ninth Grade Center. She said that the purchase is contingent upon the School District getting a bond issue approved by voters. Should the bond issue ultimately fail, the agreement will be nullified.

President Hamacher said that the property will be purchased for 8.39 million dollars which is about a tenth of the cost to build the two building that are in the Master Plan. The purchase will take place over five years and will be made with Title III funds. Several departments will benefit from this purchase including Nursing and Music.

President Hamacher referenced an informational brochure which contains a great deal of information about the purchase and which is available for those interested.

President Hamacher also discussed the university's budget. The University has experienced a decline in student enrollment which has led to a shortfall of 1.7 million dollars. The Budget Committee is dealing with the shortfall. About a third of it will be covered through the use of reserves.

President Hamacher took questions from those in attendance.

Safety and Security Committee

Eugene Matthews spoke about the Safety and Security Committee. He gave a brief discussion about the purpose of the committee and spoke about parking on campus. He said there are options on campus to park, but they are not all in the most popular places and require some walking. He referenced a form on line that provides information about parking on campus.

Approval of Minutes

Greg Dudenhoeffer asked the Council to review the minutes from the last meeting. Carlos Graham made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Lantie Basinger; motion approved.

Reports

Ad Hoc Committee on Staff Relations

Michael Tarka recognized Wanda Harper who was named Employee of the Quarter.

Professional Development and Orientation Committee

No report.

Nominations and Elections Report

No report.

Communications Committee

No report.

Bylaws Committee

No report.

Policies and Procedures

No report.

Special Events

Tisha Huffer reported that the December newsletter was done and ready to go out. She also reported that there were no entries for the holiday decorating contest, so there will be no contest.

Tisha Huffer also spoke about the Mentoring and Orientation University Committee. She said that staff have been eager to give feedback.

Chair Report

Greg Dudenhoeffer reported that he is meeting with President Hamacher on a regular basis. He also reminded the Staff Council that starting January 1, the campus will be tobacco free. He also reminded everyone that United Health Care was offering an incentive of \$75 to staff to fill out a health survey form before December 31.

Old Business

Town Hall Summary Report

Greg Dudenhoeffer reported that there were 40 responses to the survey discussing issues brought up at the town hall meetings. He will compile the responses and report on it at the next meeting.

Announcements

Sylvia Wilson reported that the bookstore is having a 25% off sale. She also said that beginning in the spring, Lincoln University will be renting textbooks.

Vic Rackers reported that there will be a Town Hall meeting in the high school cafeteria to discuss the building of a new high school.

Karen Thompson reported that the University is working on a document imaging plan which will be implemented over five years. An email will be following to inform and survey staff.

Carlos Graham reported that Lincoln University students will be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army at Schnucks.