

MINUTES

Lincoln University Staff Council

Thursday, January 26, 2012

11:00 a.m., 206 MLK

1. Call to Order 11:00 a.m.

- Members present: Mike Downey, Mark Friedman, Loretta Merriweather, Tisha Huffer, Chris Sutton, Dan Sommerer, Karen Thompson, Terry Blank, Greg Dudenhoeffer, Greg Brower, Bill O'Day, Mike Rothermich, Michael Tarka, Sylvia Wilson, Irasema Steck, Tyanna Penney.
- Members absent: Becki Rockers and Stacy Phillips.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- No minutes approved.

3. Guest Speakers:

- Dr. Carolyn Mahoney was delighted that Staff Council was able to present her with the survey and how this survey will help move towards this most difficult budgetary year and especially that it was given to her before the cuts were announced by the Governor. She gave an explanation of the budget process. There were ideas from our Salary Survey that will most likely be incorporated into the budget recommended by the Budget Committee. Dr. Mahoney also invites anyone who would like to serve on the Budget Committee to make it known and invites anyone to attend these meetings.
- Ms. Benecia Williams asked that Lincoln employees to give a contribution to help our students and to please support the Gala this year. The Gala will be March 31, 2012.
- Transform Jefferson City – Randy Allen, president of JC Chamber of Commerce and Ryan Freeman of Freeman Mortuary and was co-chair of LU action team. Mr. Allen had information about an upcoming ballot for the City of Jefferson City. Hand outs were provided about the ballot issues.

4. Reports

- **Terry Blank—Staff Council Chair** – met with Dr. Mahoney to go over and discuss the Salary Survey which will be part of the report to the Board of Curators.
- **Karen Thompson—Professional Development & Orientation Committee** – nothing to report at this time.
- **Greg Dudenhoeffer—Nominations and Elections Committee** – the committee met on January 25th. Tentative date for upcoming Staff Council elections are set for the week of April 23-27, Nomination period will start on March 26th and end April 6th. Ballots and bios/platforms will be announced on April 9th. Next meeting will be February 29th.
- **Vacant—Communications Committee** – no report.
- **Mark Friedman – By-Laws Committee** – reported that committee has come up with some new recommendation, such as, timing issues on new staff council members and the ability for the Staff Council Chair to change meeting dates. Will bring more information once the committee meet since it takes 2/3 vote to change the By-Laws.

- **Mike Downey—Policies and Procedures Committee** – no report but did speak about his visit to Harris-Stowe.
- **Tisha Huffer--Special Events Committee** – reported on the winners of this year's Holiday workspace contest and thanked all that participated. Newsletter submission deadlines for March issue is February 6th.
- **Michael Tarka—Ad Hoc Committee on Staff Relations** – nothing to report at this time.

5. **Old Business**

- Representation of staff with in the Employee Compensation & Benefits Committee:
Mike D. motioned to table for February's meeting along with the list of names on the committee.
Loretta M. second motion
Motion approved.

6. **New Business**

- **Special Election for Staff Council Secretary** – Becki Rockers resigned as Secretary and Irasema Steck has put her name in for the position.
Dan S. motioned to elect Irasema Steck to Staff Council Secretary
Mike R. second motion
Motion approved

7. **Meeting Adjourned**