

Staff Council Minutes—October 25, 2012

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

Approval of Minutes

Dudenhoeffer asked the Council to review the minutes from the last meeting. Carlos Graham made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Kelly Schlosser seconded the motion; motion approved.

Election of Secretary

Dudenhoeffer asked Christopher Sutton, the Chair of Nominations and Elections Committee, to take over the meeting for the election of the secretary. He asked for nominations. Mike Downey submitted his name. No other names were submitted. Downey was elected by acclamation.

Reports

Ad Hoc Committee on Staff Relations

Michael Tarka reported the Committee is accepting nominations for the Employee of the Quarter. Nominations will be accepted through November 2.

Professional Development and Orientation Committee

Christopher Sutton gave a report on behalf of the committee. He said the committee prepared and sent out the survey on Exit Interviews and about 50 people had filled it out.

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 next newsletter is scheduled to go out December 1, and November 9 is the deadline for submissions. The Mark Worthen Tree Dedication is scheduled for November 2 at 2:00 south of Young Hall.

Presidential Search Committee

Mike Downey and Christopher Sutton reported that the committee is reviewing application materials and will meet on October 29 to choose six applicants to interview in St. Louis on November 9 and 10. The top three applicants will be on campus November 28, 29 and 30.

Chair Report

No report.

Old Business

Update on Campus Tobacco Free Policy

Latoya Duckworth was invited to speak to the Staff Council. She said there have been discussions about issues related to the policy, but nothing has been finalized and approved yet. The deadline for the branding contest has passed without any serious suggestions. It may be opened back up. They are bringing in a comedian on November 1 for a free comedy show. Some people on campus are participating in smoking cessation programs. They are working on educating students through SGA and through the residence halls.

Town Hall Summary Report

Greg Dudenhoeffer reported that a compilation of the discussions at the town hall meetings was sent to all Staff Council Members. There was discussion about how we should proceed. The Council agreed to send a summary to all staff and to address items from meetings at future Staff Council meetings.

New Business

New Employee Welcome Packet

Council members discussed preparing something about the Staff Council for new employees, perhaps something digital. After some discussion, Christopher Sutton made a motion to table the issue until we know what HR is doing and what the Orientation Committee would like the Staff Council to do. Vic Rackers seconded the motion. Motion passed. Tisha will take charge of this issue for the Staff Council.

Energy Savings Plan

Mark Friedman was invited to speak on the University's Energy Savings Plan. He said the plan was copied from the state's program, and the goal of the plan is to save tens of thousands of dollars a year, and they will be able to calculate the savings. There are multiple elements to the plan which will be available on the L drive. Individual offices will be affected in a number of ways including office temperature and microwave and refrigerator usage, and he encouraged staff to familiarize themselves with the plan.

Announcements

Mark Friedman said the retaining wall at Eliff would be built Saturday, November 3 from 8-3. Volunteer laborers are needed. Home Depot is providing the materials for this project as a result of the contest we participated in.

Curtis Creagh said the city will have a hearing on vacating Chestnut through campus on November 5 at 6:00.