

**Staff Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, April 9, 2009 – 11:00 a.m.**  
**206 Martin Luther King Hall**

**Members Present:** Mike Downey, Mark Friedman, Wanda Harper, Cindy Borgwordt, Barb Melloway, Loretta Merriweather, Terry Blank, Greg Dudenhoeffer, Greg Brower, Bill O'Day, Kandy Campbell, Mark Worthen, Stacy Phillips, Steve Rackers, and John Meyer

**Members Absent:** Ruby Stewart, Dan Sommerer, Kennette Herndon, Leslie Cross, Betty Kemna

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Mike Downey, chair

**2. Approval of the February 12, 2009 Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes was made by John Meyer

Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mark Friedman

The minutes were approved as submitted

**3. Reports**

- **Mike Downey, chair**

- A. I forwarded the recommendation regarding new hourly employees to the president, and she has approved the recommendation and forwarded it to the appropriate people.
- B. The Staff Council elections have been completed. The newly elected members are below:

**Technical Paraprofessional and Skilled Craft**

Lantie Basinger

**Service and Maintenance**

David Hall

**Administrative Support**

Loretta Merriweather

**Professional**

Dan Sommerer

**Administrative Director**

Mark Friedman

**At Large**

Stacy Phillips

Amy Butzer

*Report filed with the secretary*

- **Ruby Stewart, chair, Professional Development & Orientation Committee**

No report given

- **Greg Dudenhoeffer, chair, Nominations & Elections Committee**

- A. The Nomination and Election Committee did not meet.
- B. Election Report: Results have been turned over to the Chair. The Chair will announce the winners according to our bylaws. The election went smoothly. There were several items that we need to improve upon which will be handled at the committee level. Voter turnout was 26%. This was about 12% less than the election last year. We had a high turnout in the classification areas of Administrative Directors, Administrative Support and Technical/Skilled Crafts (38%). Lower turnouts were seen in Professional Staff (21%) and Service & Maintenance (9%). We will submit a requisition to cover election cost as soon as we receive a bill.
- C. Our next meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, April 29, 2009 at 303 Founders Hall at 11:00.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS: Election process ran relatively smoothly with only a few minor calls. One concern was that e-ballot would not allow someone to opt out of voting in the event they didn't know the candidates.

The low turn-out in Service and Maintenance was another concern and it was suggested that we need to look at ways to increase voter participation in all areas, but especially Service and Maintenance.

*Report filed with the secretary*

- **Kandy Campbell, chair, Communications Committee**

- A. The Communications Committee did not meet in April.
- B. The Meet and Greet turned out very well. We had approximately 40 staff members attend. We all enjoyed some delicious refreshments and got to meet and talk with other staff members that we seldom see in the routine of our jobs.
- C. I want to thank those that helped make this event a success: the members of the Communications Committee, Irasema Steck, Diane Morgan, and Sherrey Young. Thanks also to Leslie Cross and Betty Kemna who helped us with the refreshments.
- D. I would like to announce the Staff/Faculty Ice Cream Social that will be held on Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 3-5 p.m. This is being sponsored by the

Employee Recognition Committee and is meant to show all University employees that they are appreciated and give them a chance to step out of the office and have some fun. Encourage you all to come and spread the word.

- **Mark Worthen, chair, Bylaws Committee**  
No report given
- **Terry Blank, chair, Policies & Procedures Committee**  
No report given
- **John Meyer, chair, Special Events Committee**  
A. The Special Events Committee will be meeting soon.

#### 4. Old Business

- **Stacy Phillips: Ad-hoc committee on summer work schedule**  
A. The committee decided to request that a discussion group be set-up on Angel to get input from staff on this issue. The blog was set-up and instructions for posting comments were posted on the staff webpage. The committee intends to collect comments through April 15 and then meet again to evaluate the need for a survey or further research.

#### 5. New Business

- **Year-end luncheon**  
A. **MOTION:** Dave Hall made a motion that we schedule a year-end luncheon in June for old and new Council representatives. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stacy Phillips. **Motion approved.**  
**DISCUSSION:** It was suggested that we have a more informal and interactive set-up this year for the luncheon. A barbeque or pot-luck at McClung Park would give us the room needed and still be affordable.

Mike Downey will research location and menu options and report back to Council in May.

#### 6. Closing Comments

Next meeting Thursday, May 14 at 11 a.m. in 206 MLK

Dave Hall moved that the meeting be adjourned. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Barb Melloway  
Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Submitted by  
Kandy Campbell  
Secretary  
Staff Council  
5/13/09 (approved 5/14/09)