

*Staff Senate Minutes
Tuesday, April 19, 2005
Jones Room*

Members Present: Judy Bacon, Caren Barnett, Linda Benson, Billy Boyeff, Karen Brunner-Wright, Sheldon Dokken, Tim Healy, Pat Hrichena, Scott Peterson, Sherie Saltveit, Kim Schwinler, Kim Withus, Kim Witt, Gary Wolf, and Kim Thompson, Ex-Officio.

Members Absent: Chad Carr, Donna Harvey, Cathy Horvath, Bill Klimpel, Audrey Sidener, Laurie Weber, Sherry Wheeling and Wes Matthews, Ex-Officio.

Guest Present: Dr. Fuller

Officers Reports: President Linda called the meeting to order. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as read. Judy reported that there is currently \$739.25 in the Staff Senate account. Linda read the email which all staff received from Dr. Fuller urging us to attend and take part in the Inauguration Festivities on April 27, 28 and 29th.

Old Business:

Search Committees:

Gary Wolf reported on behalf of the Search Committee for VP of Advancement, explaining the screening process and the high caliber of the candidates. Sherry Saltviet and Kim Schwinler reported on the search for the VP of Financial Affairs, with open forums to be held this week at which we will all have the opportunity to talk to and ask questions of the candidates.

Report from Dr. Fuller:

Academic VP search continues, with a narrowing of candidates from 8 to 4. Meetings are being held with Student Association and Planning/Budgeting Council regarding the searches. All Staff are encouraged to attend the Inauguration Festivities in April – supervisors have been notified that they may close their offices for that occasion. Dr. Fuller described the planned changes in the Recruitment and Advancement Offices and the plan to align those offices with the Student Financial Aid Office. There is another open forum planned for May 10th. Students are sharing their concerns for the need for Daycare facility on campus. They also are concerned for safety issues at Campus Heights, and also on campus, due to inadequate lighting in certain areas.

There are plans to bring in an Architectural firm to create a master plan for the campus, regarding parking, lighting, directional signs, etc .

Legislative Committee:

It was noted that the '4 x 4' % pay increase had been approved by the legislature, but the Higher Ed. bill had not yet been voted on. The bill banning smoking in the workplace has also passed both the House and the Senate.

New Business:

Election:

Scott moved that the Staff Senate election be held on Thursday, May 5 from 9- 4 pm in front of the Post Office in the Administration Building. Seconded by Kim Witt and motion carried. The time has been extended to give all staff members a chance to vote in the election.

Issues concerning People Soft reporting and training were discussed.

Kim Thompson updated everyone on plans for the inauguration activities. There are plans for music, games and a picnic. Everyone was encouraged to form a team and to take part in as many events as possible. There has been tremendous community support and positive response for this upcoming event.

With no further business, Karen Brunner-Wright moved to adjourn at 9:35am.