

# Staff Council Minutes

## February 18

Present: John Haverty, Lori Rognlie, Melissa Lewis, Marcia Lessenden, Lisa Heigert, Beth Kuhn, Vicki Baer, Lori Spurgeon, Joyce Hutchins, Karen Simpson, and Sandy Selden.

John called the meeting to order.

### Report from President

Dr. Farley will be holding “Town hall” meetings in March. (Dates and times to be announced.) These meetings will serve the purpose of clarifying budget rumors, listening to concerns and ideas, and answering questions.

The University is looking at different options in regards to health insurance and ways to reduce costs. It was noted that the University has already had several large claims over our stop/loss and we are only 3 months into our new plan year.

### Corporate Volunteer Report

Lori Rognlie reported that the Volunteer Center is currently working on two new programs: The Youth Volunteer Core Program and the Disaster Volunteer Program.

### Benefits Committee Report

The University will be going out to bid for health insurance. Next benefit meeting will be March 4th at noon.

### Action Items

The Bylaws update has been reviewed by Ken Hackler and the final draft will be completed soon.

The Staff Council Membership has been updated and is available on the staff council website.

Employee Recognition: Nominations for Outstanding Service Awards are due to Human Resources on February 20th by 4:30pm. Lori Rognlie volunteered to present the awards at the awards ceremony.

The staff council group presentation/volunteer award has been tabled until a further time.

## **Discussion Items**

The strategic plan initiatives web form is currently work-in-process. The strategic plan is a list of initiatives Dr. Michael Gunter visited with the group about back in 2008. We are working on putting the options on-line so that these can be sent out to Staff Council for votes. This will be done on-line.

Issue involving students using expired Icards to gain admittance into sporting events was discussed. This issue was determined to be an Athletics issue.

## **Announcements**

Next Staff Council Meeting is Wednesday, March 25th at 2pm.

Meeting Adjourned.