

Staff Council Minutes

August 8, 2012

Present: Dona Walker, Curtis Von Lintel, Eileen Brouddus, Dan Schmidt, Mary Allen, Lou Olsen, Amber Traphagan, Gayla Sarkesian, Cathy Latham, Jenith Hoover, Donna Lacey, Jackie Askren, Joyce Hutchins, Katie Woodall

The meeting was convened at 3:05 pm by Amber Traphagan.

Amber announced Lynn Bailey will be unable to continue duties as President of Staff Council, due to illness.

I. Reports

- A. From the President: The WU Foundation will begin fundraising for the new Law School building and improvements to Morgan Hall. Dr. Rood retired July 1, and the University Benefits Committee will be seeking a replacement for his position as chairperson.
- B. Benefits Committee: no report
- C. Safety Committee: no report
- D. Employee Recognition: Amber reported she has spoken with several schools' procedure for selection of employee service awards. Most schools reported a selection committee, which, at some places included students. Discussion was held how to improve selection process for WU. Amber will consult with Lynn the established procedure for selection of award winners at WU and problems or issues in the past process and will be discussed at future date. Members were asked review the selection process and offer suggestions for improvement.

II. Discussion Items

- A. Drinking Fountains upgrades: Dona shared information she received about retrofitting drinking fountains to include a water bottle filler. Upgrading existing water fountains, particularly in Morgan, would be too expensive. Dona sent an e-mail to members of the Morgan Renovation Committee, Rick Anderson and Richard Liedtke, asking them to consider retrofitting water fountains in the renovation of Morgan.
- B. WIT Continuing Education classes: The question as to why employees cannot utilize WU education assistance benefit for continuing education courses from WIT is still unanswered. It is unclear as why employees can't use WU benefit for continuing education courses that will not interfere with employee work time. Dan Schmidt will research and report at next meeting.
- C. Tuition for Associate Degree programs at WIT is \$80.00/credit hour.

III. New Business

- A. Parking Ticket Committee: Donna Lacey volunteered to serve on the committee.
- B. Nomination Committee: Amber will review time of service and find out process to replace retiring members for committee.

IV. Announcements

- A. Next Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 11, 2012 @ 3:00 pm. in Cottonwood Room, Memorial Union

Council adjourned @ 3:50 pm

Submitted by Mary Allen