

Staff Council Minutes
7/14/05

Members present: Jim Wyrosdik, Gloria Jones, Lynn Youngblood, Melissa White, Laura Mullins, Allison Strong, Jeanette Mann, Nancy Schwartz, Cindy Teston, Amanda Lammers, Jill Brady, and Angie Erwin

No President's report

Treasurer's report:

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| • Staff Council Expense Account | \$ 578.96 |
| • Staff Council Foundation Scholarship Account | \$2,118.16 |
| • Staff Council Development Fund | \$15,000.00 |
| • Total Available Funds | \$20,647.12 |

Committee Reports:

- Nominations and Elections- There was a good voter turnout. Welcome to new members Gloria Jones, Angie Erwin, Kathy Rich, Cindy Teston, Jennifer Collins, and Sherry McIntosh.
- Staff Development- All of last year's funds were spent and we ended the fiscal year with a zero balance
- Public Relations- Staff council now has their own camera and can be self sufficient in covering their events.

Old Business:

- Leave policy- Jay Steed is still working on a draft.
- Mission Statement Revision- Nancy Schwartz has been researching this issue because our current statement is out of date. Jill suggested we work on the statement revision before outgoing members leave. It will be discussed at the retreat.
- Amendment of Bylaws- This issues was brought up when the council was considering upping the number of members to the council. Bylaw amendment requires a 2/3-majority vote and notification of the staff to solicit comments before the voting takes place.
- Convocation- a summary of the current plans was handed out by Laura. The faculty/staff convocation will be August 10th and the student convocation is August 15th. The convocation is in lieu of an inauguration. This will be a casual event. Laura is the staff representative on the committee, so give her any feed back by Friday. Encourage your co-workers to attend. The question of whether or not the campus would close for the convocation was raised, and Laura was encouraged to let Dr. Potter know that if not, some staff members would be barred from attending.

New Business

- Laura spoke to Al Parten regarding his absences. He wants staff council to know he supports them but is stepping down. We still have 12 members so there is no need to add anyone.
- The state staff council dues have been paid, and an email will go out about the state staff council conference.
- The Watermelon Bust has been postponed until the faculty is on campus at the suggestion of Dr. Potter.
- Staff council now has a line in the foundation budget. This gives the council \$2950.00 to use. This budget will need to be renewed every year.
- The planning/transition retreat is scheduled for Friday, July 29th from 9-4 at the Dahlonega Community House. Lunch will be provided at the retreat and all old and new members are encouraged to attend.
- Elections for officers and committees will be held at the retreat.
- Laura thanked the council for all their hard work and congratulated them on changing the staff development policy and coming very close to establishing a shared leave policy. Laura was awarded a plaque.