

## **STAFF COUNCIL MINUTES**

### **SEPTEMBER 30, 2009**

The WKU Staff Council met on September 30, 2009 in the Human Resources Conference Room in W.A.B. Those present were Cassandra Bailey, Tammi Beach, Diane Carver, April Gaskey, Janet Hall, Wanda Johnson, Cheryl Lewis-Smith, James Kennedy, Paula Mattison, Chester McNulty, Jennifer Ragan, Darrel Saalwaechter, Retha Spinks, and Colby Westerfield. Member not present: Tammy Spinks. Guests present: Deborah Wilkins and Dr. Betsy Shoenfelt.

The 2009 Fall Brunch was discussed. The 2009 Fall Brunch brochure has been mailed to staff. Paper copies will be mailed to Facilities Management. The Staff Excellence Awards committee has been working on nominations. A Staff Council Suggestion Box will be located on the table in front of Fresh Food Company. Staff will need to have their WKU ID to attend the brunch. Staff will need to turn in the door prize slip from the brochure at the door. Scott Thompson will be our announcer.

An international jewelry company asked to advertise on the Staff Council Retailer Discount Web form. We denied this request since it was not a local company. Kentucky Tire Exchange requested to be on the web site and that company was approved.

The upcoming Part-Time Staff Council Member Election announcement was sent via email on September 28th. Nominations will cease on October 12. The election will occur on October 26, 2009. A reminder email will be sent out on the day of the election, encouraging staff to vote.

The Staff Leadership Committee met September 21, 2009 and selected members for the 2009 Staff Leadership Program. The following individuals were selected: Shane Bradley, Shawn Brewer, Nathan Brindley, Derek Carroll, Erin Cummings, Jordan Gardner, Greg Hackbarth, Lisa Hampton, Marsha Haydon, Todd Hughes, Timothy Jones, Joyce Manning, Crystal Nuckols, Phyllis Page, Jackie Pillow, Chris Radus, Justin Rexing, Doris Settle, Tabatha Spain, and Warren Whitfield. The alternate is John Pace. The Staff Leadership Program will meet once a month. The first meeting is September 30, 2009. Discussion was raised regarding the participant selection process. The Staff Council agreed that it would be standard that future Staff Leadership Committees be comprised of current Staff Council members only.

James Kennedy, Staff Regent, gave a few comments. He apologized for not having attended the last two meetings. Non attendance was due to both work and staff regent related commitments. He has found the Board of Regent Meetings to be very educational. He said someone contacted him concerning very few lights in the Mimosa parking lot after dark, due to construction. Janet Hall from The Dept of Environment, Health and Safety stated there is a web form that can be filled completed to address the issue. Go to <http://www.wku.edu/Dept/Support/Legal/EHS/>. Click on Safety Concern Report and complete form accordingly.

Deborah Wilkins attended the meeting. Cheryl asked Deborah if the President could send out an email to encourage staff to attend the Fall Break Brunch. Deborah also said the 2010 university health insurance rates will be posted within the next week. There will be an increase however; the rates had not changed in the past 6 years.

Staff Council members then moved to MMTH 250 to listen to a presentation from Dr. Betsy Shoenfelt regarding the 2009 Staff Satisfaction Survey results. She plans to present the same presentation to Administrative Council in the near future. After which, the report will be placed on the Staff Council Web page.

Respectively Submitted

Diane Carver, Secretary