

WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY
STAFF COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 6, 2008

The WKU Staff Council met on February 6, 2008 at Diddle Arena, HAF Conference Room. Those present were Diane Carver, Larry Hardin, Trish Jagers, James Kennedy, Cheryl Lewis-Smith, Chester McNulty, Todd Misener, Sherry Nation, Jennifer Ragan, Angela Robertson, Darrel Saalwaechter, Tamela Smith, Shannon Ward, Stephanie Wimsatt and Mike Young. Those not present were Tex Currington.

Chester McNulty asked about the status of all staff having access to computers in the Helm Library. It was stated that the Staff Council is not aware of any building on campus not having computer and printer access to all staff. We would like to remind all staff to assist others who may need help in computer and printer access.

Chester also reiterated that he will continue working to shorten the waiting periods for new employee's to be hired into full time status. As a side note he also stated that 30-60 days was more than enough time to see if an employee would work out.

James Kennedy, the cell phone committee chairperson, handed out a recommendation to the Staff Council. The recommendation is to allow employees to use their personal cell phones for business use, and have WKU pay the person a stipend for the individuals approved by their department head. A motion was made by Trish Jagers and seconded by Todd Misener to bring this recommendation to the Telecommunications Department and have them review the stipend possibilities and the logistics of this proposal. The motion was passed.

Tamela Smith, Staff Regent, discussed the budget cuts. She clarified some points about the budget and stressed that each cut was given serious consideration before implementing. She said we are not under a hiring freeze, but each department will need to find ways to cut their budget, which may include not filling open positions. The Staff Council supports President, Gary Ransdell in his efforts to make the appropriate decisions regarding the budget cuts.

The next meeting will be at the Thompson Complex North Wing on March 5, 2008.

Minutes recorded by Diane Carver