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The Staff Council held its regular monthly meeting at 9:00 am in Thompson Complex-Central Wing, on January 8, 2002. Members present were: Dana Divine, Teresa Dunning, Joy Gramling, Carolyn Hunt, Elizabeth Paris, Lynne Swetmon and Brad Stinnett. Members absent were: Deborah Cole, Jackie Ellis, Dale LaMastas, Phyllis Reed, Tony Thurman, Brian Ward and ex officio member Staff Regent Howard Bailey.

- Gordon Johnson, Director of Administrative Computing, met with the Staff Council to discuss the possibility and logistics of conducting the April, 2002, Staff Council elections on-line. The Council feels that the voter turnout would increase dramatically due to the fact that staff could vote from their desktop computers or any other available computer. We will be working closely with Gordon over the next few months to work out all the details so that this first ever on-line Staff Council election will go smoothly.
- Elizabeth Paris, Budget Council representative for the Staff Council, reported that the University Budget Council had a meeting in December but will start regular meetings in January in order to prepare the 2002-2003 budget.
- University Senate Report - Joy Gramling and Elizabeth Paris attended the December University Senate meeting as representatives of the Staff Council. They reported that Jim Ramsey, State Budget Director, gave an overview of the State Budget picture and how it affects higher education.
- Distribution of Committee Listings - Members were presented with a listing of Staff Council committees as well as University Committees where the Staff Council has representatives. There are 3 committees of the Staff Council and the Staff Council has representatives on 6 University committees. A complete list of these committees is available on the Staff Council Web Page.
- Approved a resolution to support the University Benefits Committee's recommendation to the Administration regarding future University health insurance contributions.
- President Ransdell will be attending the March 12 meeting of the Staff Council. Members were advised to think of questions or issues to be discussed and be prepared to compile list at February meeting.
- Other Business - Because of work demands and staffing issues, Dina Bessette has resigned from the Staff Council effective immediately. A replacement member will be elected in the April, 2002, Staff Council election to begin serving in July, 2002. Brad Stinnett will replace Dina on the Staff Leadership Committee. The Staff Council would like to thank Dina for her dedicated service to the Council and wish her the very best.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 am. The next regular monthly meeting will be held on February 5, 2002, at the Glasgow Campus.

The Staff Council wants to hear from you. Do you have a question, concern or comment? You can now e-mail the Staff Council: [staffcouncil@wku.edu](mailto:staffcouncil@wku.edu)

The Staff Council Minutes, Constitution and By-Laws are posted on the Staff Council Web Page at: <http://www.wku.edu/staffcouncil>.