
Staff Council Minutes

10/14/99

The Staff Council met for its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, October 14, 1999 in WAB Second Floor Conference Room.

Council members present: Linda Cantrell, Debby Gabbard, Marshall Gray, Kathy Jimerson, Larissa Young, Joy Gramling, Joe Keith and Tony Thurman.

Council members absent: Johnny Allen, Marilyn Anderson, and LaDonna Harris.

- 1. Fall Break Brunch Wrap-up: Over 600 WKU employees attended the Fall Break Brunch, October 7, 1999 from 9 a.m.-11 a.m. The Staff Council received very positive feedback from all attendees. A special thanks to all our sponsors and participants, and volunteers.**
- 2. Awareness of Special Needs: The Staff Council members will meet with the Director of Disability Services in November to discuss what is already in place for students and others with special needs. The council will make suggestions as to what can be done in the future to improve the situation of anyone on campus with special needs.**
- 3. Lack of Staff Representation on the University Senate: The Council discussed the University Senate, which is in the process of being developed by a Faculty Governance Committee. Some concerns have been raised that the name 'University Senate' implies that staff is included in this structure. The draft charter of the University Senate (which is available on the Faculty Senate web page) does not include staff in any role at the present time. These concerns have been brought to the attention of the Faculty Governance Committee and the Council will be exploring ways for faculty and staff to work together on common issues in the future.**
- 4. Chief of Police Candidates Open Forums: The Staff Council would like to encourage all staff to attend the open forums being held to meet the candidates for Chief of Police. The information on the forums is as follows:**

**Jerry Wells--Monday, October 18th
2:30 PM
Room 100, Garrett**

**Scott Shelton--Monday, October 25th
9:30 AM**

Room 100, Garrett

**Mari Harris--Thursday, October 28th
9:00 AM
Room 100 Garrett**

**Robert Deane--Thursday, October 28th
2:30 PM
Room 100, Garrett**

5. Staff Excellence Awards: The Council sub-committees will be prepared to discuss how to initiate this program at the next meeting. The Council will discuss the arrangements with the Human Resources Director, Tony Glisson, to discuss implementation of this program.

6. Crosswalk Recommendation: The Staff Council discussed the need for cross walks in a few major walking traffic areas of the University. Recommendation for the placement of a cross walk on Alumni Drive at the entrance of the Service One Credit Union parking lot entrance and also on Normal Drive in front of Cravens will be forwarded to the Parking and Traffic Committee for them to handle as they deem appropriate.

7. Resignation: Larry Holder has officially resigned from the Staff Council, effective immediately.

8. Patricia Kaye Cantrell was in an automobile accident this summer which has left her permanently paralyzed and confined to a wheel chair for the rest of her life. She was working for Facilities Management as a building service attendant in Diddle Arena before the accident. A fund has been set up at Service One Credit Union to collect money for a van that can accommodate a wheel chair and other needed medical equipment. Donations are now being accepted for the Patricia Kaye Cantrell medical fund at Service One Credit Union.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned and the next regular meeting will convene on November 4, 1999, Thursday at 10 a.m.

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