

STAFF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date: September 21, 2006

Present: Melody Bartholomew, Marilyn Christensen, Sandra Etherly, Crystal Pepperdine, Jenn Swank

Absent: Gayle Bachman- **Excused**, Clara Blakely, Tim Hardy- **Excused**, Doritta McDaniel

Guest: Karen Arthur, Human Resources

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Crystal Pepperdine at 10:05 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the previous meeting were sent out via email to council members and were reviewed and adopted as received. Minutes from the August 17, 2006 Staff Council will be forwarded to ITS for webpage update.

AGENDA ITEMS

Budget Report - M. Bartholomew distributed the monthly Staff Council Budget Report and provided a brief overview of our financial status. The budget review sparked several discussions concerning the stipend for Staff Council Chair. Questions were raised regarding the amount of the stipend, and other ways in which the Council could use those dollars. More discussion will follow when there are enough Council members present to form a quorum.

HRSD Workshops and Tuition Assistance Program – Karen Arthur from Human Resources-Flint presented information on the various HRD Workshops. A brief overview of the partnership with Flint Human Resources and HRD in Ann Arbor preceded discussion on the need of on-site training and workshops on the Flint campus. Mrs. Arthur's presentation to Council was designed to get a better understanding of the types of trainings and workshops that would best suit our campus. Council members were asked to identify 5 workshops from a list that was emailed prior to today's meeting. Absent council members will have an opportunity to share their lists by contacting Mrs. Arthur or our Chair, C. Pepperdine.

Staff Council Webpage – S. Etherly will continue to submit meeting minutes along with other updates to our webpage. More information will be added to the Staff Council webpage that represents the activities and other involvement we have in this campus community.

Dearborn Senate Meeting– C. Pepperdine and S. Etherly shared experiences with Council on their visit to Dearborn.

Back to School Supply Drive- 67 Book bags were filled with school supplies for students in the Westwood Heights School District. Photos and information on this event will be made available on the Staff Council webpage.

Freshman Book Project – Staff Council members were asked to support the faculty in the Freshmen Book Project. During their convocation, Freshmen were provided with books that held special messages from UM-Flint Faculty and Staff. The event was an overall success. Advance notice next year will aid in increasing the number of books donated by staff members.

Staff Council Archives Project- No report

Parking Issues- The parking issues are still unresolved. J. Swank met with the Parking Committee and is still working to find closure to this ongoing issue on our campus.

Staff Discounts at ECDC- J.Swank will meet with ECDC Director and provide feedback to

Council.

Blood Drive – S. Etherly will continue to plan for a Staff Council co-sponsored event with the Urban Health and Wellness Center. Details to follow as the event date draws nearer.

Employee Networking System- Tabled

Volunteer Service Credit for Employees- No report

Other Matters- Brief discussions were held on the items below. Council will revisit these matters as time permits during October meeting.

- ☞ B-Day celebrations based on semesters not quarters
- ☞ Staff Council materials such as table cloths, banners and other decorations
- ☞ Fundraising
- ☞ Holiday Breakfast

AJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Submitted by,

Sandra# Etherly
Staff Council Secretary