

**Members Present:** Terri Alvey, Garry Culver, Sylvia Dillworth, Brandan Garrison, Angie Goebel, Shannon Hoehn, LaVerne Jones, Terry Martin, Katie Mathew, Betsy Farley Mullins, Josh Pietrowski, Michelle Simmons, Kimberly Sullivan, Catherine Vaughan, Debbie Whiteside

**Guest Present:** Donna Evinger

Members Absent: Mary Ann Bernard, Bobbie Brown, Julie Bordelon, Amanda Mitchell, Steve Owens

Call to Order: April 24, 2012 2:35pm UC 206

**Minutes Approval:** The Minutes from the March 20, 2012 meeting were approved with corrections. Betsy Mullins moved that the minutes be accepted and Garry Culver seconded. Motion passed.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Employee Relations:** Preparations for the staff picnic are well underway. The picnic will be held on May 19 and will feature a "Rodeo Round-up" theme. There will be square dancers and line dancers and food will include BBQ chicken with buns, Cole slaw, vegetarian baked beans, chips, and soft serve ice cream with toppings.

Economic Benefits: Did not meet.

**Nominating Committee:** The form to nominate candidates can be found on the Staff Council website. Angie Goebel will send out an email asking for nominations.

**Other Committees:** Shannon attended the Safety & Risk Management Committee meeting and said that Safety & Security are trying to come up with the best way to distribute emergency information now that USI is no longer printing phone books.

## **Old Business:**

**Adopt-A-Spot:** USI grounds crew have not yet taken over Adopt-a-spots. Currently Shannon has a student worker watering the area.

We are still looking for staff council alternates to finish the election year. Several names have been suggested.

## **New Business:**

The Support Staff Employee Recognition Award will accept nominations until June 20. Terri Alvey will put it on the website and Shannon Hoehn will send out a campus-wide email. We will vote on the nominations at our June meeting.

The Staff Council Retreat will be held on July 25. It was suggested that we host in the RFC's Quiet Room again this year. Some suggestions for speakers included Marcia Kiessling, Brandon Eggleston, Peggy Graul, New Dean of Students, Zoe Sipes. Food possibilities were discussed and Terri Alvey was going to

look into when Sodexo would be having a picnic day, to see if Staff Council would like to do the Sodexo picnic again as their retreat meal.

It was also suggested that Carol Schmitt be contacted about having the phone numbers updated on the Outlook tools.

## **Future Dates:**

April 28, 2012 and April 29, 2012: Commencement Ceremonies

May 17, 2012 2:00pm: Employee Relations Committee Meeting UC2205 May 21, 2012 3:00pm: Economic Benefits Committee Meeting UC2206

May 22, 2012 2:30pm: Staff Council Meeting UC 2207

There being no further business, there was a motion, which was seconded and we adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Kimberly Sullivan, Secretary