



Approved Minutes  
September 23, 2009

Present: Samoa Hempfling, Michelle Herrmann, Terri Alvey, Angie Goebel, Julie Bordelon, Cyndi Brinker, Donna Dipple, Kathi Goen, Shannon Hoehn, Kim Jost, Charlene Kaufman, Debbie Whiteside, Michelle Miller, Frank Nagy, Catherine Vaughn, Jeri Broshears, Kim Armstrong, Jacki Spainhour, Linda Bennett, Stephen Woodall and Donna Evinger.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Samoa Hempfling called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Staff Council members introduced themselves and the floor was opened to Dr. Linda Bennett.

Approval of the August 25, 2009 minutes was motioned by Michelle Herrmann and seconded by Jacki Spainhour. Motion Passed.

**Linda Bennett**

Dr. Bennett discussed more internal communication on campus and the strategic plan that is currently underway. She expressed an interest in returning to speak to Staff Council to discuss university changes. She also expressed the desire to have an "interactive campus" where everyone – faculty, staff & administrators – can bring ideas to the table. Dr. Bennett also wanted to promote attendance at the Inauguration on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Bennett spoke until 2:20 pm and then opened the floor to Cyndi Brinker and Stephen Woodall. Dr. Bennett then left the meeting.

**Cyndi Brinker/Stephen Woodall**

Cyndi Brinker and Stephen Woodall spoke about the Inauguration events for October 15<sup>th</sup>. The date of Thursday, October 15, 2009 was chosen due to the fact that Thursdays at 3:00 pm offer the lowest number of classes in session. That way, as many students, faculty, and staff as possible would be able to attend.

Staff Council was the first to be informed of a bus system for October 15<sup>th</sup> established to allow faculty, students, and staff to park at the old Wal-Mart and be shuttled onto campus.

The object of the bussing system is to leave space for the invited delegates to park on campus (Lot C will be reserved parking). The buses will be furnished by New Image Travel and will operate from 7:00 am until 7:00 pm, every 15 minutes and provide coffee and donuts. A deputy sheriff will also be onsite watching the vehicles.

An online reservation has been established to determine how many people will park off-campus.

Cyndi and Stephen opened the floor for questions and comments from the members of Staff Council. Among the suggestions were multiple stops for the bus route and accommodations for employees who use the Children's Center.

Stephen Woodall ended the discussion with an offer to come back and speak to Staff Council in the future.



### **Economic Benefits Committee**

Shannon Hoehn presented information on the proposed tuition exchange program, including University of Evansville's Tuition Exchange Program. The committee has elected to do further research into institutions throughout Indiana which have comparable tuition and fees/academic programs, including IU and Purdue – which were not on the U of E tuition exchange list.

Frank Nagy informed everyone that HR is still looking into short term disability. Donna will attend the next EBC meeting to discuss the compression study.

### **Employee Relations**

Jacki Spainhour updated on the progress of the Archie's Food Closet drive. This year the ERC is trying to catalog items that are collected for the closet. The drive ends on Friday, September 25, 2009.

### **Nominating Committee**

No Report

### **Web Committee**

No Report

### **Old Business**

ADA Compliance – the ramp has been installed along the side of the old library for wheelchair access

Security issue – Chris Jines has spoken to the security office and listened to the tape related to this situation. It has been determined that when requesting assistance from the security office, one must specify exactly what the request entails. Through discussion, many Staff Council members showed concern for areas where security was not present, such as the Education Building where there are no blue boxes or emergency areas indicated.

### **New Business**

Continuing Education for support staff – tabled until next meeting on October 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **Discussion/Announcements**

The next Staff Council meeting will be held on October 28<sup>th</sup> in UC 214 from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned with a motion by Frank Nagy and seconded by Charlene Kaufman.

Respectfully submitted,  
Samoa Hempfling, Vice Chair