



**Staff Council Meeting
Minutes
March 18, 2015
UC 206**

Members Present: Danielle Artis, Lesley Attebury, Mary Ann Bernard, Gloria Butz, Cole Collier, Michele Duran, Vince Frazier, Stephanie Hawes, Stephanie Higgins, Erin Hollinger, Cindi Kueber, Pam Moore, Nita Musich, Angie O’Nan, Britney Orth, Stephanie Russell, Michelle Simmons, Kim Sullivan, Joshua Thomas, Kirsten Williams, Lisa Wulff

Members Absent: Tammy Oliver

Guests Present: Donna Evinger, Steve Woodall

- I. Call to Order – Britney Orth opened the meeting at 2:02 p.m.
- II. Membership Update: Nominating Committee Report. Joshua Thomas and Stephanie Higgins are leaving the University. Stephanie Russell and Michelle Simmons will move from alternates to representatives. We are currently out of alternates.
- III. Approval of Minutes – February 18, 2015 minutes approved.
- IV. Guest Steve Woodall described the incident concerning a firearm brought to campus by a student. Discussion. Shots Fired Video. <http://emergency.unl.edu/shotsfired>. Online training: FEMA 701.
- V. Tabled for April: Outcomes of Human Resources Assessment
- VI. Committee Reports
 - A. Employee Relations – Employee picnic details.
 - B. Economic Benefits – No report.
 - C. Nominating Committee – See membership update noted above.
 - D. By Laws – Discussion and vote on recommended By Laws changes in Old Business.
 - E. 50th Anniversary Committee – Sally Gries could come to our meeting if we are interested. See website. Bags and posters should have been distributed to all offices.
 - F. Faculty Senate – No report, meeting cancelled.
 - G. Website – No report.
 - H. President’s Council Meeting – Last meeting of every month, the chairs of Administrative Senate and Staff Council will be invited to attend to discuss University policy changes. While the Chairs have attended several President’s Council Meetings, specific policies meeting have not occurred yet.
 - I. Leadership Evansville Awards – USI won an award for Contribution to the Community.
 - J. Other University Committee Reports – Budget meetings are coming up. Schedule was sent out. The Community meeting featuring Staff Council, Faculty Senate and Administrative Senate is scheduled for Monday, April 20 at 9:30 a.m. in Carter ABC. Staff Council representatives are invited to attend.
- VII. Old Business
 - A. Recommended Bylaw Changes – Review and discussion. Tabled to April meeting.
- VIII. New Business
 - A. Discussion: University Policy - F.34 Firearms Restriction On Campus. Concerns could be brought up in the Safety Committee: Brian Morrison is the chair. Motion: That the administration or responsible parties revisit policy F.34 to clarify what is and is not a weapon and amend the policy to include an approval process for employees to obtain approval to carry approved weapons. Seconded. Discussion. Motion rescinded. Committee formed: Mary Ann Bernard, Joshua Thomas, Cole Collier. Vince Frazier, Gloria Butz, Pam Moore. Committee formed with the charge to bring back a motion for Staff Council General Assembly to discuss at April Meeting. Please send any ideas or concerns to Vince Frazier.
- IX. Discussion/Announcements
 - A. Check out the 50th Anniversary Website & Events - <http://www.usi.edu/50>.
 - B. Next Staff Council General Meeting: April 15, 2015, at 2:00 p.m., Carter D.
 - C. Ben Bernanke: Monday, March 23, 6 p.m. in the PAC.
 - D. New Screaming Eagle Orientation: Wednesday, March 25 and Friday, March 27.
 - E. Breakfast with the President: Thursday, March 26, 7:45 a.m. in Carter D.
 - F. No Classes/University Closed: Good Friday, April 3.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned 3:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Sullivan

Secretary