

## **MINUTES OF STAFF COUNCIL MEETING**

March 27, 2006

Present: Glenda Boyd, Mary Burke, Brenda Crabtree, Nichole Davis, Jo Anne Harding, Connie Hope, Sandra Jones, Linda Meade, Martha Necessary, Carolea Newsome, Katherine Stallard, Bill Statzer

Absent: Bernie Johnson

Martha Necessary called the meeting to order.

### **CAMPUS CULTURE COMMITTEE**

#### **Carolea Newsome**

Carolea advised the Council about a new committee she is serving on called the Campus Culture Committee, of which Kevin Jansen is the chair. This committee was formed to address issues of discrimination by race, gender and sexual orientation, focusing on tolerance. This committee wants to help keep the campus community apprised of situations, and help to build tolerance within the community. There was discussion on possibly introducing mandatory workshops during Convocation for students, faculty and staff. The next committee meeting is Friday, March 31, 2006. Nichole Davis will be attending the meeting representing Staff Council.

### **SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

#### **Martha Necessary**

Martha advised she has spoken with the Vice Chancellors and asked they appoint a staff person from their area other than a member of Staff Council to serve on this committee. The Development Office still needs to appoint someone. The committee will be made up of: Pat Bevins, Brenda Crabtree, Tammie Hale, Darlene Moore, Liz Moore, Martha Necessary, Kathryn Stallard and Bill Statzer and a representative to be named from the Development Office. A meeting for this committee will soon be set.

### **INAUGURATION UPDATE**

#### **Martha Necessary**

Martha reminded everyone the Chancellor's Inauguration will be on April 11, 2006. She wants each staff council member to remind the staff in each area respectively and encourage them to attend. Martha read what she had written for the speech she will be giving at the Inauguration and requested any suggestions. Everyone agreed the speech conveys a good message.

### **SURVEY FOLLOW-UP/TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSION**

#### **All**

Round table discussion on what and when Staff Development Training for the spring should be. A tentative date was set for May 9, 2006 with safety issues to be the topic presented by Nichole Davis. It was discussed the start time could possibly be at 10:30 am and have a pot luck afterwards. Martha suggested speaking with Chancellor Prior to see if he would purchase some of the food for the pot luck. This issue will be revisited at the next meeting.