

**Minutes of Staff Council Meeting
February 4, 2003**

A meeting of the Staff Council was held on Tuesday, February 4, 2003. Those present were: Annie Taylor, Ken Hale, Joe Kiser, Carolea Newsome, Valerie Lawson, Connie Hope, Laura Pritchard, Randy Wyatt, Brenda Whitaker and Tamara Robinson. Those absent were Robbie Jordan and Becky Huffman. Valerie Lawson called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

*Marcia Quesenberry discussed the Planning Process. The final report will need to be approved by Staff Council. Laura Pritchard is the staff representative on the Advisory Committee to the Planning Process. Valerie Lawson is the staff representative on the Planning Committee. Staff Council plans to invite staff to informal meetings to discuss the Planning Discussion Topics.

*David Smith shared a proposed Inclement Weather Policy for non-essential staff to Valerie Lawson. Valerie read the proposal to the Staff Council. Dr. Smith will present it to the Cabinet.

*Our constituents approached the Council about the following:

- The Parking Committee being comprised of a more diverse group. Tamara Robinson will talk to Gary Juhan.
- Why are offices being refurnished during a budget crisis? Although budgets have been cut, each department head approves purchases based on identified needs and budget availability.
- Employee Leave Audit – Human Resources will provide more detailed information on this item in the near future.

*There were no committee reports.