

Minutes of Staff Council Meeting

March 11, 2003

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

50th Anniversary Planning

- Celebration will be from January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004.
- The Council would like to solicit ideas/suggestions to recognize long-term faculty and staff (current and retired). One suggestion was to feature a staff member each month in the employee newsletter during celebration period.

The Planning Process meetings produced good discussions among the staff in attendance. A summary of the responses for questions 1 and 2 will be forwarded to Marcia Quesenberry. Future questions will be sent to staff via email for their input.

Connie Hope discussed the COVA Care Statewide Health Plan. Human Resources will have several employee meetings after their training sessions. Open enrollment is April 16-May 16, 2003. The plan will be effective July 1, 2003.

The Council would like to suggest that Joe Kiser, Carolea Newsome and Brenda Whitaker be added to the Parking Committee. The Chancellor will have a meeting with staff to discuss the master plan and the Council will ask him to address parking on campus in relation to the master plan.

The Council discussed an employee concern about the possible dangers of children being around the lake during graduation. The Council would like to suggest to the Graduation Committee that a lifeguard be on duty.

The Council is planning a Spring Employee Workshop for staff sometime in April.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 1, 2003.