

STAFF COUNCIL
MINUTES
APRIL 20, 2010
9:00 AM

Present: Kathy Baker
Robert Castleberry
Stephanie Cooper
Lisa Sheffield
Betty Smith
B.J. Thompson

Absent: Debbie Allen
Todd Essary
Blaine Rose

I. The meeting was called to order at 9:10 am by Stephanie Cooper, President.

II. Amendments to the Constitution

- a. Amendments to Article 4: Membership, Section G: Terms of Office and Article 7: Officers, Section D: Terms of Office were discussed by the Council. It was agreed to place the following changes to the Constitution on the election ballot for a vote of the staff.

Amendment to Article 4: Membership, Section G. Terms of Office

Previously read: "Council members shall serve for a two-year term. To ensure continuity on the Council, one and two-year terms are required in the initial election. Elections will be held annually to fill expired terms of the membership of the Council. A member can be elected for a maximum of two consecutive terms before taking a minimum one-year absence before being eligible for re-election. The terms of office for members shall begin on June 1st following their election and will end on May 31st at the end of their two-year term. If an individual is named to serve an unexpired term vacated by another member, that individual will serve the unexpired term and be eligible for reelection, for a maximum of two consecutive full terms."

Amended:

1. Council members shall serve for a two-year term. To ensure continuity on the Council, one and two-year terms are required in the initial election. Elections will be held annually to fill expired terms of the membership of the Council. A member can be elected for a maximum of two consecutive terms before taking a minimum one-year absence before being eligible for re-election. The terms of office for members shall begin on June 1st following their election and will end on May 31st at the end of their two-year term. If an individual is named to serve an unexpired term vacated by another member, that individual will serve the unexpired term and be eligible for reelection, for a maximum of two consecutive full terms.
2. If it is in the best interest of the Council, a member can be elected for more than two consecutive terms.

Amendment to Article 7: Officers, Section D: Terms of Office

Previously read: “Officers shall be elected for one-year terms, beginning on the day of the first regular Council meeting of the academic year and ending on the day before the first regular Council meeting of the following year. A member shall not hold more than one office at a time, and no member shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office. However, a member who assumes an unexpired term for less than six months may be elected for two full consecutive one-year terms.”

Amended: “Officers shall be elected for one-year terms, beginning on the day of the first regular Council meeting of the academic year and ending on the day before the first regular Council meeting of the following year. A member shall not hold more than one office at a time.”

III. Miscellaneous Comments, Announcements, etc.

- a. Stephanie Cooper met with the President’s Council this week. It was the consensus of the President and all Vice-Presidents to provide either raises or stipends to employees this Fall semester. Enrollment numbers will need to be up but that would not be the deciding factor. Stephanie stressed that the President is committed to doing this.
- b. Stephanie Cooper will schedule a meeting for her and Betty Smith to meet with President Hargrave about longevity pay.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.