

STAFF COUNCIL
MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 25, 2008
3:00 PM

Present: Debbie Allen
Robert Castleberry
Karen Cochran
Stephanie Cooper
Bert Miller
Betty Smith
Bob Vavricka

Absent: Paul Cross
Todd Essary

Guests: Dr. Steve Turner, Vice President for Fiscal Affairs

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by Bob Vavricka, President.
2. Approval of Minutes

March 10, 2008 minutes were approved by email and already placed on the Web.

3. Dr. Steve Turner attended the Council meeting to discuss House Bill 2513 which deals with changes in the concealed weapons law. This bill will allow people that are military, former military, or CLEET certified to carry a concealed weapon on university campuses. The Staff Council voted unanimously to pass a resolution stating "We, the members of the East Central University Staff Council request that House Bill 2513 be immediately stopped. We believe that passage of this bill (even with recommended modifications) will endanger the students, staff and faculty of Oklahoma. This position is consistent with all Staff Council members, who oppose this bill and was approved unanimously by members of the Council at today's meeting." Bob Vavricka, Staff Council President, signed the resolution.
4. The upcoming Staff Council election process was discussed. It was agreed absentee voting would take place in the University Center On April 1st and 2nd. Regular voting would take place on April 3rd between 10:00-12:00 and 2:00-4:00.

Debbie Allen stated that the nominees for the elections are: Category A: Debbie Allen, Stephanie Cooper, Todd Essary, and Terri Curry. Category C: Tom Cartenuti, Paul Cross, Micheal Faulkner, Blaine Rose.

Bob Vavricka will email Debbie a sample ballot.

5. The Staff Evaluation Form was discussed. It was pointed out the form stated the fiscal year ended July 2008 but should read "Fiscal Year ending June 2008". The suggestion was made that there should be three categories of point distribution instead of five. A staff member should be able to distinguish what constitutes no merit, merit and

exceptional merit. It was also stated that there should be some section included on the evaluation form that would reward staff members for university involvement, community service, professional development, etc. It was also stated that if a staff member is to receive an Outstanding they should not have received any marks for Needs Improvement or Unsatisfactory. Bob Vavricka will submit the Council comments to Dr. Steve Turner.

8. Adjournment

The next scheduled special meeting of the Council will be April 14, 2008, at 3:00 p.m. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm.