

STAFF COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
AUGUST 10, 2007  
10:00 AM

Present: Jeremy Bennett  
Stephanie Cooper  
Terri Curry  
Betty Smith  
Bob Vavricka

Absent: Robert Castleberry  
Bert Miller

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am.
2. Bob Vavricka informed the Council that Dr. Anderson had scheduled a general staff meeting for Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm in the Estep Room. Items were discussed to be presented at this meeting such as the Staff Council Web page, introduction of new members, soliciting comments or suggestions from staff members. Bob stated that Dr. Rafes was going to introduce the Staff Council at Wednesday's morning meeting with all employees. Stephanie Cooper suggested the Council have a Suggestion Box (similar to what the Student Senate has) to collect suggestions and comments from staff members. No action was taken on this suggestion.
3. A question was raised in regard to Dr. Rafes' email about raises for staff. Bob stated it was his understanding that the \$600 mentioned was not to be a stipend but a base raise for everyone.
4. Betty Smith provided the Council with copies of the latest budget report. It was decided to reimburse Bob Vavricka for his cost of purchasing the ECU pins at this time. Bob will provide Betty with a cost statement and she will issue him a check for reimbursement. It was also decided that Wednesday morning, August 15<sup>th</sup>, would be a good time to sell pins. Bob will check with Dr. Rafes to see if this is possible. Terri Curry also suggested that we sell pins at the Freshman Rally to be held on Sunday night, August 19<sup>th</sup>. It was agreed to do this.
5. Bob Vavricka will arrange a meeting for all the new Staff Council members the first week of September. Bob also stated that Dr. Rafes had requested nominations for staff awards to be given on Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. 20+ nominations were received, some had been previous winners and one was an administrator - these were discarded. Bob submitted approximately 18 nominations to Dr. Rafes for his consideration.
6. Jeremy Bennett submitted his resignation from the Staff Council due to personal reasons. Betty Smith will forward the next eligible candidate's name to Bob and he will contact that person about serving on the Council. If this person agrees to serve, Bob will notify Dr. Rafes of the new Council members' names.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 am.