Staff Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 1, 2010
1:00-3:00 pm
Skutt Student Center, Room 104

Members Present: Eddy Butkus, Jimmy Carter, Sue Chamberlain, Lee Ann Crist, Karen Farias, Jennifer Larsen, Tadd Martin, Toni Parsley, Marsha Pierce, Taunya Plater, Jan Schnack, Tami Thibodeau, Annette Thomas, Colleen Warin Joann Wilde

Members Absent: Celeste Hubbard, Beth Krause, Luann Miller,

Following our annual end-of-the-year luncheon, the meeting was called to order.

Thanks were offered to everyone for their hard work this year and congratulations were made on a very successful SAC year.

Voting on new SAC officers for 2010/2011 was conducted. Taunya Plater will be the SAC President for the upcoming year; Tami Thibodeau will be Vice-President; Karen Farias will be Treasurer; and Marsha Pierce will be Secretary. Congratulations were offered to the 2010/2011 SAC Officers.

Voting is currently being conducted for new SAC Committee members. Three reminders to vote have been sent out. More will be known about the outcome of these votes on July 6.

Voting has been completed for new Presidential Committee members. The tie votes were discussed and a revote was taken on these positions. Following this voting, it was determined that the new members are: Benefits Committee/Christina Murcek; Grievance Committee/Jan Schnack; Campus Planning Committee/Steve Brace; Public Honors Events Committee/Felicia Nuno; Committee on Status of Women/Angela Hayes. Letters will be sent out to these new committee members by the President’s Office (Taunya will check with Shirley Spain to make certain this is the correct procedure) and SAC will notify the nominees who were not selected. Notices will also be placed in the JayNet News and on our webpage.

An update on the Back-to-School project is not available for this meeting. This will be requested for the August meeting. Thanks were offered for this successful project and campaign.

Staff have voiced concern about the recent announcement of a new tuition remission administrative fee. Not much lead time was given for this and the manner in which the decision was communicated was felt to have been poor. It has been learned that the decision to apply this new fee had been made in spring – but it wasn’t announced until the budgets were finalized (June). The Staff Advisory Council has been told after inquiring about this matter that a new communication is going to go out from Dan Burkey’s office to those affected by the increase. Staff do not pay the administrative fee for their own tuition remission; this fee will only effect dependent and spouse tuition remission situations.

The May minutes were reviewed and approved.

Because time allowed, the meeting was opened for any questions or discussion. It was announced that the New Student Center Director started today. Another matter raised during this open forum period was that Sarah Ryder may no longer eligible to serve as chair of the Committee on Status of Women as her position has changed and her new grade level is too high – SAC may need to request a waiver to allow her to continue to serve as Chair. Colleen will check with Shirley Spain on the correct procedure for doing this.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15.

Submitted by,
Celeste Hubbard
SAC Secretary