

**Staff Advisory Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, February 5, 2009**  
**1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**  
**Skutt Student Center, Room 104**

Members Present: Theresa Thurin, Jami Monico, Deb Russell, Toni Parsley, Jan Schnack Taunya Plater, Celeste Hubbard, Beth Karause, Colleen Warin, Karen Farias, Annette Thomas, Lisa Chipps, Theresa Conway

Absent: JoAnn Wilde, Luann Miller, Mariah Starling, Tom Thibodeau

**Reflection** – Given by Theresa Conway for JoAnn Wilde

**Approval of January Minutes** – Moved to approve by Deb Russell, seconded by Celeste Hubbard.  
Accepted as written

**Reports**

**Treasurer's Report** – Deb asked everyone if they had any receipts to turn in and if not then all has been accounted for. We have spent a total of \$688.02 so far this year.

**Subcommittees**

**Issues** – No report

**Nominations** – No report

**Staff Relations** – Tickets for athletic events were passed out. Each representative took tickets to hand out in their respective areas. Will send out an e-mail to inform staff members of the two events. Tickets will be given on a first come first serve basis. Town Hall Meeting has been postponed and will be discussed in the new fiscal year.

**Staff Service** – Homeless Connect Omaha coming up on March 27<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.- E-mail has been sent out calling for volunteers. On-line registration is currently open for anyone interested. Campus Ministry's Lunch Project will be launched soon and Theresa will be meeting with them to discuss further details.

**Standing Rules** – No report

**MLK Committee** – Theresa and Taunya helped out at the luncheon and they were very pleased with the large turn-out.

**Chairperson** – Theresa will be sending out a list to all of the members for each subcommittee. She will be meeting with Theresa Conway to discuss upcoming elections and how to go about sending out information for nominations.

**New Business** – There have been some concerns raised in regards to security of the employee Self-Service system. This has been brought to the attention of the Academic Council and there are some strong feelings in regards to this. The response has been that it is as secure as it can be. This will be discussed at the President's Advisory Board. Parental Leave Policy is a project that is being taken on by the Committee on the Status of Women.

**Old Business** – No report

**Guest Speaker** – Kelly Ptacek, Senior Director of Sustaining Gifts, and Alysia Conklin, Director of the Creighton Fund from University Relations presented to the group. Kelly and Alysia are responsible for the unrestricted portion of monies raised for the University. They came to talk about a solicitation for faculty and staff. They are going to different groups around campus to get different perspectives so that they can incorporate all these perspectives into a plan for a faculty and staff solicitation that will take it in a new direction. Sustaining gifts are unrestricted monies to pull into the general fund. There are various ways in which they solicit to different sub groups. They try to tailor their message to the various groups that are being targeted. They came to talk about their new campaign, "Blue, White and You", the importance of faculty and staff giving to support students and learning. This is a way for faculty and staff to show that we stand behind Creighton's mission and to show the outside community that we are united behind that mission. Giving helps sustain that and that is why it is called sustaining gifts. It is our opportunity to make Creighton a stronger entity. The theme "Blue White and You" represents the link that we all have with our students. It is the sum all of us and that we are part of this institution. Much more will be coming on this campaign.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 12, 2008, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 104 of the Skutt Student Center.

Respectfully submitted,  
Toni Parsley  
Secretary