

## Professional Staff Senate Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2009

**Present:** Kevin Halle, Ron Vick, Bev Buhrman, Mary Carstens, Terri Heggemeyer, Nick Muir, Marilyn Yates

**Absent:** Valerie Knight

**Guests:** Lin Brummels, Kaye Young, Teresa Tiedtke, Heather Reinhardt, Rene Krusemark, and Deb Daehnke, Support Staff representative.

Kevin Halle called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

**Minutes:** The motion was made and seconded to approve the corrected minutes of the January 8, 2009, meeting. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Terri Heggemeyer made the following report: Our current balance is \$422.99. Expenses were \$19.00 for refreshments at the December meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's report.

### Committee Reports

**Mentoring:** No requests for mentoring

**Social:** Mary Carstens/Terri Heggemeyer – Reported the many activities, programs, and speakers on campus. The Professional Senate sponsored Potluck will be in Rice or the Stadium during spring break. The potluck is open to all WSC employees.

**Recognition:** No report

**Continuing Ed:** Mary Carstens/Terri Heggemeyer - Many opportunities for activities and programs on campus during the month of February were reported. Everyone was encouraged to attend the campus functions.

**Membership:** Beverly Buhrman – currently 123 Professional staff members

**Hospitality:** No report

**Policy:** Nick Muir report about Board policies that were being merged into one policy. He did not have information yet about NSCPA negotiations.

**Communication:** Ron Vick Sr. has been sending out communication as received. Contact Ron if there is any communications that need to be forwarded to all members and committee information was updated.

### **New Business:**

1. The support staff report about a food drive for the campus food bank.
2. The professional staff was asking to submit a name to Dr. Collings to participate in the upcoming budget reduction planning.
3. Items were identified as benefits that employees sometimes are not aware of. They included: free admission to concerts and Black and Gold events, athletic events, bookstore discounts, discount to Providence Wellness Center and computer purchase discounts.
4. Lin Brummels provided information about program reviews and ask for volunteers for a mini group to review the draft of guidelines for a program review and to provide feedback concerning the process for upcoming budget reduction planning sessions.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, March 5, 2009 in the BlueStem Room

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Buhrman, Secretary