

Professional and Scientific Staff Council

DIVISIONS

AF – Administration & Finance
AT – At Large
ESS – Educational & Student Services
UA – University Advancement
I – Instructional

Meeting No. 362
Date of Meeting: August 9, 2007
Place of Meeting: Maucker Union Presidential Room
Meeting Convened: 1:34 p.m.
Meeting Adjourned: 2:45 p.m.

Members of the Council in Attendance:

X Melanie Abbas, ITS – 36452 AT
P Seth Bokelman, ITS – 37423 I
X Chris Conklin, ITS – 37839 I
X Matt Copp, RDC – 36111 ESS
X Carol Fletcher, RDC – 32333 AT
X Jacqueline Halbloom, CAC – 36485 I
P Nate Klostermann, CET – 32018 AF

X Lisa Kremer, Maucker Union – 37862 ESS
A Steven Pavelec, Fac Planning – 36165 AF
A Susan Reinart, Advancement – 36078 UA
X Gale Secor, RDC – 36036 ESS
X Rick Seeley, ITS – 37218 I
X Anthony Smothers, AA&CS – 36857 ESS
X Jason Vetter, ITS – 36730 I

Ex-Officio Member

Others

Nick Bambach
Lisa Frush
Dave Zarifis

Proxy

Holly Bokelman
Rosie Lang
Blake Murray

I. Welcome

Vice President Rick Seeley called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m. Everyone present introduced themselves.

II. Approval of Minutes #361

Matt Copp moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Gale Secor. Motion carried.

III. Dave Zarifis – Public Safety

Dave explained that before the Virginia Tech incident, Public Safety Directors and Vice Presidents of Business and Finance at the three state universities were working on recommendations to the university presidents recommending that sworn and certified university police officers be authorized to carry firearms as standard equipment. Arming officers would be subject to stringent training and firearms recertification requirements. This report is now available for review at http://www.vpaf.uni.edu/vpaf/documents/arming_report_73107.pdf.

The three university presidents have been asked to study this report and provide recommendations to the Board of Regents, State of Iowa, by Oct. 1.

President Allen has asked the leadership of the UNI Faculty Senate, United Faculty, P & S Council, AFSCME, Supervisory Confidential Merit Personnel and Northern Iowa Student Government to review the recommendation with their respective members and provide input by Sept. 15. The university community is invited to respond, as well. Over the next several weeks President Allen will review all campus input. Please send your comments and thoughts to president@uni.edu by Sept. 15, 2007.

Dave asked for input from campus staff as to the expectations they have when calling Campus Safety officers. He stated that all Public Safety officers are Certified Police Officers. The issue is not

about Public Safety officer qualifications rather about providing the necessary equipment officers need to perform their duties.

Discussion followed concerning liability issues and the probability and possibility of incidents happening at UNI. The final decision about arming Public Safety officers will affect all three state universities.

So that P&S employees will have the opportunity to thoroughly study this issue, Anthony Smothers made a motion to hold two informational forums and to survey P&S staff before the next P&S Council meeting on September 13th. The motion was seconded by Jason Vetter. Motion carried.

IV. HR Report – Nick Bambach

Nick reported that Robin Gurien, Training and Career Development Coordinator, has accepted a position in California and that her last day at UNI was August 8th. Her replacement will be hired as soon as possible.

V. Committee Reports

A. WWW Committee – none

B. Employee Issues Committee – none

C. Policies & Procedures Committee – none

D. Employee Relations – Lisa Kremer

Lisa reported that the committee will soon begin planning for the Regents Staff Excellence Awards Event.

E. Salary and Fringe Benefits Committee – none

VI. Old Business – Election of Officers

Rick Seeley opened the floor for nominations. Gale Secor nominated Carol Fletcher for President, seconded by Jason Vetter. Hearing no further nominations, Rick moved to close nominations, seconded by Lisa Kremer. Motion carried. The Council voted unanimously to elect Carol Fletcher for President for 2007-2008.

Anthony Smothers nominated Rick Seeley for Vice President, seconded by Chris Conklin. Hearing no further nominations, Gale Secor moved to close nominations, seconded by Jacqueline Halblom. Motion carried. The Council voted unanimously to elect Rick Seeley Vice President for 2007-2008.

VII. Adjournment

Jason Vetter moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Blake Murray. The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sandy Law
Human Resources