

Staff Council
January 18, 2006

In attendance: Susan Agner, Elaine Carothers, Bob Casmus, Gordon Kirkland, Brenda McIntosh, Marsha Safrit, Lori Sipes, Chris Walden, Kathi Welborn, Nan Whitley, and Suzanne Wilson.

Nan Zimmerman spoke to the group about student mentoring. Nan has composed a booklet for faculty on "Taking the Stress out of Academic Success". Some of the topics in the booklet are: Common Causes of Distress in College Students, Indicators of Distress in College Students, Emotional Distress, Eating Disorders and Grief. Nan has agreed to work with the Staff Council in preparing booklets for staff and provide training sessions to educate staff members on how to handle students with issues. This was an extremely informative and enlightening presentation. Discussions on having Nan present a scaled down version of this for the full staff meeting this semester were started.

Gordon Kirkland has decided to step down from Staff Council. He was representing the admissions staff and is now working in development. Dawn Snook has agreed to represent the admissions office and complete Gordon's term.

We have also lost our representative from Housekeeping. Susan will contact Henry Haywood to see about a replacement for Joseph Endres.

Bob Casmus suggested that nomination forms for the President's Award for Staff Excellence be placed back on the web site along with the criteria for the award. Also, an email message to all faculty and staff needs to be sent with the information about the award nominations and deadlines.

The Louise Tucker award information needs to be sent to the President's Council so we can receive their nominations back by March 1.

The next Staff Council meeting will on February 15 at 10:00 a.m.