## Staff Council Minutes October 16, 2008

In attendance: Craig Turnbull, Peggy Mason, Sharon Newsome, Curt Cribb, Richard Pickle, Jane Snider, Karen Setliff, and Amy Williams. David Najarian and Jennifer Nicholson were present to address the group.

Craig Turnbull brought the meeting to order and introduced David Najarian, Director of Office of Waste Reduction and Recycling. David updated the group on initiatives that his office has undertaken since it was established last year. The Office of Waste Reduction and Recycling has been working with the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct a self-audit, which is required by the EPA in fall of 2009, Leeds Certification and the Presidential Climate Commitment. They have also been working with City of Salisbury and were successful in getting a temporary bus stop on campus. If buses are used over the six-month trial period, the City will make these permanent stops and may even add runs during the lunch and evening hours. David also informed the group that the housekeeping department is using green cleaning products in nine of the buildings and plan to add more as the year progresses. The facilities department has installed a 10,000-gallon water tank for water run-off and is using this water to irrigate the practice fields.

Jennifer Nicholson from the Admissions office addressed the group in regards to Sam's Club Group membership. She informed the group that the yearly cost for membership would be \$30.00 per person. There seemed to be a lot of interest from Council and Craig will send something out to staff to see if enough interest is generated from campus to consider group membership for Catawba.

Craig Turnbull moved to the next agenda item, which was Staff Council Community Service Project. Our next drive is scheduled for October 20 – 31, 2008. Peggy Mason chairs this drive and we will be collecting items for the winter such as socks, hats, gloves, scarves and coats for Rowan Helping Ministries. Please encourage all staff members to participate. An e-mail will go out soon to all Catawba reminding them of the drop-off locations.

Finally, the discussion turned back to Dr. Turner's request. There was a lot of discussion about who we are and who we want to be. Some Council members received feedback from their areas, however being short on time, a decision was made to have another meeting on October 30 to finalize Dr. Turner's request. This meeting will take place in the Field House at 11:00 a.m.

The next regular Staff Council meeting will be on November 20 at 11:00 a.m. Venue will be announced later.

Sharon Newsome Recorder