

**Staff Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**August 6, 2014**

Members Present: Trish Caston, Cynthia Cunningham, Lynn Dobbs, Tammy Godfrey, Karen Partain, and Tyler Wheat.

**Minutes from July 9, 2014**

The Minutes from the July 9, 2014 meeting were approved.

**Expanded Cabinet Minutes**

Trish Caston reported on the Expanded Cabinet Minutes. The University now has new rugs, TVs, and decals for light switches. Next will be new signs for the residence halls and new signs with maps.

The University is focused on the Strategic Plan with the Funding Formula being based on Recruitment, Retention and Graduation, with completion of degrees as the main goal. The University is committed to upgrading facilities and technology while increasing diversity in the workforce.

The Student Success Center under the direction of Dr. David Brooking will work with the new Navigators to help with retention.

There will be a decision in fall about what we will be doing with Athletics. Hopefully, we will bring in over 100 additional students by bringing Athletics back to campus. Baseball and Softball are two of the sports that we already have the facilities to support. We would be reporting to the NCAA, NCIA, and could hopefully begin a new conference in this area.

All contracts must now be reviewed by Karen Clay.

There is a new Newsletter to inform campus of events called "News to Know".

The W is in the top 50 colleges to work for. On August 27, 2014 we will have a campus luncheon to celebrate.

**New Business**

We need new Staff Council Members and we have voted and agreed to ask:

Nick Adams, James Harmon and Timothy Hopkins to join Staff Council.

Karen Partain proposed giving new employees something when they are hired, to let them know about Staff Council. Tyler Wheat has agreed to make a flyer from the information on our website. Tyler showed us the changes he has made to the website.

Cynthia Cunningham discussed an idea about a Meet and Greet for the new school year. We talked about designing a Staff Council t-shirt and one for staff to sell as a fundraiser. We will put this event together at the next meeting. We also discussed setting up a table and asking for donations to endow a Staff Council Scholarship.

We will be delivering Thanksgiving Baskets again this year and plan to ask student organizations to help.

We have decided to take nominations for a Staff Member of the Year for the Christmas Staff Luncheon.

### **Old Business**

There are still some staff members who have not had their evaluations with their supervisor and it is now past the deadline.

The meeting was adjourned and the next meeting will be September 3, 2014.