

**May 15, 2014**

**Library 407, 10:00AM**

1. Call to Order
2. Executive Committee Reports
   1. President, Derek Rodriguez
      1. Thanked Staff Council for letting him serve for the last 2 years
   2. Vice-President, Brian McDonald
      1. Master planning committee submitted a draft to Dr. Kemker
         1. Dr. Kemker will finalize the plan and send forward
         2. Hopefully, will be sent to campus soon
      2. HR employee recognition committee will meet in June
         1. Hope to have something to report at next meeting
   3. Treasurer, Amanda Green
      1. No change except interest of $125 added to Endowment expense account
         1. Plan to move fundraising revenue from credit union to endowment this month
      2. HR is working on leave pool policy
         1. **Audience question -**  will the policy follow the UL System where leave goes into a pool or will it be like some private companies that allow you to give leave to an individual
         2. Amanda said she does not have any details at this time.
   4. Recording Secretary, Carol Lunn
      1. Minutes and supporting documents such as sign-in sheets are posted in SharePoint
      2. No one accepted the nomination for recording secretary
         1. Someone please consider volunteering; everything is now in template format and on SharePoint; if the new person wants, they can merely use what is already available and I can teach you to use SharePoint
   5. Corresponding Secretary, Charlann Kable
      1. No report – Charlann organized the votes for officers
3. Committee Reports
   1. Events Committee – no report
   2. Awards Committee – Brian
      1. Award notice was sent to Sasha Johnson for the $500 staff scholarship award and $250 bookstore gift card; award notice was also sent to runner up for $250 bookstore gift card
      2. **Audience question** – at the Service Recognition ceremony, people who were recognized for 25 years of service received the same pen as those who were recognized for 5 years of service. Can something more substantial be done for those who give long periods of service?
         1. Another member of the audience pointed out that a blue crystal is added to the pen for each 5 or 10 years of service
   3. Membership/Elections Committee
   4. Bylaws Committee – no report
4. New Business
   1. Election of Officers
      1. Brain McDonald – President
      2. Amanda Green – Vice President
      3. Vacant – Recording Secretary
      4. Kendy Martinez – Corresponding Secretary
      5. Derek Rodriguez - Treasurer
5. Dr. Gregg Lassen attended the meeting
   1. Thank you for the last year, UNO will close successfully this fiscal year
   2. Will attend Staff Council meetings as often as possible; always available to answer questions
   3. Dr. Lassen spoke for a few moments about recruiting; 88% of UNO students are from Louisiana, but as the number of high school graduates decreases we need to recruit more people from outside the state
      1. This means the campus mind-set needs to shift from one of a commuter campus to one of a destination campus.
6. Next Meeting – June 19, 2014
7. Adjournment

Staff Council is dedicated to providing the best possible representation for the staff of the university. Our goal is to identify ways to support and enhance the lives of our valued

fellow staff. Staff Council welcomes input from the entire university community in

order to make the University of New Orleans the best place in the City of New Orleans

and the state of Louisiana to work and prosper.