

Staff Council
Second Annual Orientation Day
Charter House Inn

The Bainbridge College Staff Council was called to order by Chairman Dean Whaley at 9:05 a.m. at the Charter House Inn.

Chair Whaley highlighted the minutes of the April 18 meeting. A motion was made by Scott Dunn, with a second by David Brown, and the minutes were approved.

Dean Whaley thanked Greg McDonald and Barbara Stephens for organizing today's program. Whaley then gave the floor to Dr. Wilkerson.

Dr. Wilkerson greeted staff members and shared that his grandson, Duncan, is doing very well. For those who are interested, there are pictures of Duncan on the website, www.caringbridge.org. Go to the "visit" option on the right and type in duncanlawrence.

Dr. Wilkerson spoke of the new turn lane off Highway 84, also saying that we are working on getting a traffic light at this entrance. He said that work has started on the new entrance near Technical Studies. The signs on campus should be going up today, and work on the Kirbo Center continues. He advised that the General Assembly has finished their work, and the Governor has signed the budget. There will be money for raises -- probably 3% -- but we don't have that information yet. Dr. Wilkerson thanked staff members for their hard work.

Dr. Wilkerson said that when the Staff Council was formed in 2005, administrative staff members with faculty status were put in the membership. However, Board Policy, Section 300, states that faculty consists of the corps of instruction and the administrative officers, and our BC Statutes also defines faculty and its membership. Dr. Wilkerson has also consulted with BOR legal counsel and the BC Faculty Council. It is his conclusion that the administrative staff members with faculty status should participate in faculty affairs, not staff affairs. **Although these folks are not voting members of the staff council, they are welcome to attend meetings and their participation is greatly appreciated.**

Dr. Wilkerson continued by saying that this clarification of status will affect the council bylaws. From this point on the wording, "staff members with faculty status," should be deleted from the Bylaws.

Chair Whaley took over the meeting at this point and asked for a vote on the proposed changes to the Bylaws as well as the changes due to the clarification of status. Marcia McRae made the motion to accept the changes to the bylaws with reference to the clarification. There was a second to the motion by Rich Messersmith, and with no opposition to the verbal vote, the changes to the bylaws are now effective. The corrected Bylaws file will be sent by e-mail to staff council members in the next few days.

Chair Whaley again thanked Greg McDonald and Barbara Stephens for planning today's program. He thanked Connie Snyder, Barbara Snipes, Larry McConnell, and Horace Taylor for their work as Executive Committee officers. Whaley thanked Barbara Stephens for her part in organizing the Staff Development Committee. He thanked this year's committee members: Natalie Higley, Christina Jackson, A. J. Cantley, and Ruby Barlow, for their hard work. Dean also thanked Dr. Wilkerson for his report on the college and the clarification on status.

Dr. Wilkerson added that the proposed revisions to the Policies and Procedures Manual is being reviewed by the BOR legal office in Atlanta.

Greg McDonald introduced Deidra Langstaff. Her presentation on "Provide Killer Customer Care by Hugging Your Customers!" was enjoyed by everyone.

New officers to the Executive Committee are: Patty Eenigenburg, Kim Foister, Rich Messersmith, and Spencer Stewart.

After a delicious meal, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.