

**AFSCME Staff Advisory Council Meeting Notes**  
**Tuesday, February 17, 2009 (rescheduled from 2/12)**  
**8:30 a.m.**  
**TRF Campus, Room 662; EGF Campus, Room 306B**

Members Present: Lynell Wayne, Cory Feller, Lori Johnson, Bonnie Klasen, Bobbie Bloom, Becky Lindseth, Anne Temte; Cindy Cedergren, Recorder.

Absent: Kent Hanson

Due to the lack of formal agenda items, President Temte invited members to share what was happening in their departments if they desired, or to discuss any concerns that were on their minds.

Lynell Wayne reported the Learning Center is busy with the increased number of nursing students needing tutoring services; testing needs are also high.

Sandy Bratvold reported that collection letters are going out from the Business Office. She also expressed concern about future staff lay-offs and asked if the EGF Campus would be experiencing any lay-offs. She stated that when the EGF Campus merged with Northwest Technical College they experienced several reductions and she felt that the EGF Campus had already been reduced to the minimum. President Temte stated we need to prepare for 7-10% cut in the budget, and both campuses will be considered in any reduction plans.

Budget Idea Forum – President Temte stated that comments on the submitted ideas will be posted today. Becky Lindseth explained the role of the Finance Committee and that the committee will provide their recommendations to the Cabinet by March 25<sup>th</sup>. The committee is meeting weekly. She encouraged Council members to feel free to submit additional ideas or comments to the AFSCME reps on the committee (Robbie Brateng at TRF or Eric Holum at EGF).

President Temte talked about some of the ideas contained in the budget idea forum – such as the role of the COI within the college, and some employees' misconceptions about its role and value. She stated that her salary is paid by the Office of the Chancellor, and not from the college budget. She stated that she didn't believe that a 4-day work week would generate a savings substantial enough to be worthwhile. Sandy Bratvold shared that she had been quoted an approx. \$17,000 savings at two other college campuses (Wadena and Detroit Lakes). The idea of clustering classes in areas of the campus was discussed (to reduce HVAC costs) – but that is difficult to do (specifically in TRF) when there are office suites scattered across the campus.

Summer Work Schedules: President Temte asked members to ask their fellow employees what they feel works best, in terms of summer work schedules. This topic will be discussed again at the next meeting. The President's Cabinet will also be discussing this topic at their Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Becky Lindseth explained that a letter will soon be sent to all support staff, asking if they are interested in a voluntary reduction of hours for a specified period of time.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, March 19, 2009; 9-10 a.m. (tentative time)

Adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Cindy Cedergren, Recorder