Attending: Dr. Jean Robillard, Interim President; Kevin Ward, Interim Vice President for Human Resources; Erin Brothers, Laurie Hafner Dahms, Hans Hoerschelman, John Laverty, Shannon Lizakowski, Monica Madura, Glenda Smith, Matthew Watson, Chuck Wieland, and Marsha Adolph.

Absent: None

Meeting called to order

Updates

Dr. Robillard discussed the schedule for the Presidential search candidates. Staff Council Executive Committee will have an opportunity to meet each candidate in a session much like this meeting. There will not be an agenda. We will need to have our questions ready to ask. There will also be town halls for each candidate that will be open to the public.

The Executive Committee felt that the last few messages from Interim President Robillard were well received by staff on campus.

There was a discussion about University events and the requirement for staff to take vacation to help with an event. The Iowa State Fair and On Iowa volunteer numbers were down this year. Kevin Ward noted that departments may provide release time, or may require volunteers to use vacation. This local decision often depends upon staffing demands, resources and workload. Discussion as to whether TIER and “doing more with less” is causing more units to deny requests. There must be a balance as we need people to fill shifts for big events.

Freshman and transfer students are now on campus. At this point in time, there are over 5000 new students for the fall semester.

The Presidential Charter Committee structure was brought up. Dr. Robillard felt this is an area that the next President needs to address. The committees are not providing reports and many of the committees do not know about the other, similar committees. Kevin Ward is not aware of any reporting requirements. Everyone felt we should not be doing committee work in a vacuum. Communication between the committees is very important.

Current status of TIER was discussed. Dr. Robillard told us about a challenge he gave the collegiate units last week to increase revenue. He is looking for 10 good ideas from each unit and will select 3-5 ideas to work on. He would like to increase revenue at $50 million over the next three years. He also challenged Staff Council to submit ideas for consideration.

Meeting adjourned