

**Staff Council Executive Committee
Meeting with President Mason
July 23, 2008**

Present: Diane Hauser, George Hospodarsky, Glenn Kell, Mary Lee Neuberger, Sarah Tallman, Marsha Adolph, Lori Bassler, Mark Fullenkamp, Kathy Klein
Absent: Martha Greer

President Mason opened the meeting by saying that most of the items of interest on the agenda are things she'd like to talk about.

Flood Recovery

We will be ready to move students into Mayflower hopefully by the beginning of class, or shortly thereafter. Philip D. Adler Journalism and Mass Communications, Becker Communications Studies, and English Philosophy Building are the next priorities.

Arts Campus will be awhile – Art W. Voxman Music Building was quite seriously hit. Menard's is the art studio's new location. Churches are being considered for music lessons.

A lot of important decisions will need to be made about priorities. Hancher and the IMU can't be top priorities because the focus initially has to be on academic buildings. UI is using this as an opportunity to rethink the situation before rebuilding.

Flood relief funds are being used to assist faculty, staff and students who were displaced by the flood.

Sue Buckley commented that the new vacation donation plan is in place ~~and flood survivors have been identified~~. There have been no flood related layoffs.

Benefits

Benefits are still being worked on and we will discuss a phase in plan at some point. It is premature to discuss any details at this time.

Smoking Ban

A lot of us are turning our heads. We need time to address learning issues. Signage should be up before the term starts. The Iowa Department of Public Health and the state were slow to develop signage specifications. By and large the campus is complying. There has been very little phone traffic regarding problems. Cessation programs continue to be utilized.

Office of Sustainability

We have an office and a steering group. The advisory group will be formed this fall. The physical location is with facilities management.

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Office of University Relations

Jude West will continue to consult. President Sally Mason plans to discuss the recruitment of a Vice President with the Board. That would be the first step.

Glenn Kell complimented President Mason on the recent Reception for Staff Award Nominees.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Lori Bassler
Staff Council Secretary