

**Ball State University Staff Council
SPECIAL MEETING
Thursday, January 28, 2010
Student Center 303**

Present:

Jennifer Lawson, <i>President</i>	Elaine Orr
Maria Bumbalough	Lynn Shipley
Carl Burgess	Lee Anne Shore
Amanda Collins	Loretta Smith
Cathy Cunningham	Judy Stearns
Marilyn Davis	Carol Terry
Kathleen Harrold	Connie Tyner
Kim Hiatt	Marilyn Waldo
Janet Johns	Coralee Young
Ralph Julius	Angela Zahner
Sarah McKillip	

Alternates Present:

Rhonda Clark*	Max Hunt*
Marilyn Coleman*	Joan Phipps
Robert Cope	Paula Rench
Bart Hainz*	Lori Siefker

**Indicates the alternate was voting in the absence of their representative for their building/area.*

Guests Present:

Judy Burke

Excused Absences:

Terry Burgess	Julie Moody
Sandy Duncan	Angela Pickett
David Kaufman	Delana Ulmer
Joyce Lewis	Ted Workman

- I. **Call to Order** – President J. Lawson called the special meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. Lawson reminded members that alternates who were present in the absence of their building/area representative may vote. However, if the representative is present, she asked that alternates refrain from voting.

- II. **Review of Motion** – The motion and action as it related to Budget Cut Suggestions from the January 21, 2010 meeting was reviewed by J. Lawson.

K. Hiatt made a motion to rescind the pervious motion to send forth the list of suggestions as submitted. C. Terry seconded the motion. After much discussion, J. Lawson asked for a show of hands on the vote. The vote to rescind the motion was 22 in favor and 3 opposed. No one abstained from voting.

- III. **Next Steps** – Members discussed the ramifications of forwarding a document that Staff Council does not fully endorse. They also discussed the issue of giving the council and constituents a voice to administration. There were pros and cons with both sides. J. Lawson said that she, and the executive committee, received numerous requests asking the council to reconsider their action and not forward the document.
- IV. **Motion** – After much discussion, L. Shipley made the motion to abandon the document and instead send a letter to Dr. Howard indicating our appreciation of the opportunity to participate and submit ideas and to explain the reason we have chosen to not submit the prepared document at this time. The motion was seconded by C. Burgess and was approved by majority vote (23-1-1). One member abstained from voting.

After the vote, J. Lawson asked members what they would like included in the letter. The following ideas were suggested for inclusion:

- Appreciate the opportunity
- Response was larger than expected
- Some of the ideas cut across what Staff Council stands for
- Believe in protecting jobs/salaries/benefits of staff.

J. Lawson said she would notify constituents of the discussion and include the link for submitting budget cutting suggestions on an individual basis.

K. Hiatt made a motion for J. Lawson to draft a copy of the letter to Dr. Randy Howard and share with the executive committee for review then submission. C. Burgess seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

A copy of the letter will be shared with staff through our normal processes of minutes.

XI. **Adjournment**

With no further business being presented J. Lawson adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Terry
Secretary, Staff Council