

## INDIANA UNIVERSITY EAST STAFF COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting March 4, 2011

Meeting was called to order by President Star Johnson.

There were sixteen members and two guests present.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer Dave Harvey reported that there is \$614.38 in checking and \$52.53 in petty cash. Book sale netted \$262.25

Martina Chomel, Chef at the Den was present and spoke about specials for next week celebrating Mardi Gras. There will be daily specials in the "Grab & Go" and a special for "Fat Tuesday". Martina stated that things are progressing well in the Den. Martina asked that if you have any ideas or have had a bad experience to contact her at [machomel@iue.edu](mailto:machomel@iue.edu) Spring menu will be available soon and that she plans on changing the menu four times a year. There will be fish on Friday during Lent. Fish and seafood have been selected for the spring menu. Soups will be changing and Martina stated that the "Grab & Go" is the biggest seller in the Den. Martina also spoke of some of her ideas for the Den. Martina was asked questions by the members. Could there be meats (i.e. roast beef, turkey) added to the deli bar: Martina said she would look into this. Suggestion cards placed on tables: Martina stated she would like to set that up as an online feature. Soft serve ice cream: Martina stated she is looking into that as well as providing low carb drinks and nutrition information, calorie counts.

Chancellor Paydar was present and reported that spring enrollment set another record for I U East. State appropriations have been discussed at the State House. I U East could see an increase while other I U campuses may see a reduction. Chancellor stated that East will end up better than other campuses. Chancellor mentioned that I U is will be announcing an early retirement package in the next few weeks. There is criteria that will need to be met to become eligible and the request will have to be approved through the employee's chain of command. Chancellor stated that there will be a salary study conducted for faculty and staff, comparing position to other positions within I.U. Chancellor stated that he has received complaints on smoking by the buildings and is working on this. Chancellor spoke about the proposed Student Event Center and that they are looking for a major seed donor to begin this. The Campus campaign for 2011 begins March 7<sup>th</sup> and he encourages everyone to donate, no matter the dollar amount. Donations designated to the Student Event Center will be matched by a \$10 gift from the Chancellor. Chancellor stated that they are working with an interior decorator on Whitewater Lobby and have signed an agreement with a company to help design growth of the

campus in regards to where new buildings, outside art displays etc. should be located in the future.

Star Johnson announced that Joyce O'Brien has been in a nursing home and will be taken to her son's home soon and he will care for Joyce. A greeting card was passed around for everyone to sign.

Carla Bowen, I U East rep on the Health Care committee stated that the University is self insured and that IU paid out \$11 million in health care expenses last year. The committee is looking at ways to cut expenses and seeking ideas on how to make ourselves healthier. The committee meets again on the 21<sup>st</sup>. If you have any suggestions please contact Carla at [cabowen@iue.edu](mailto:cabowen@iue.edu)

Kim Ladd announced that Michelle King was the Staff Scholarship winner for spring semester, and that she wanted to be with us today, but Michelle is having medical issues today. Kim also stated that the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary for I U East is in 2011 and will be kicking off activities next week during the start of the Campus Campaign. The major kick off will be in conjunction with commencement in May and end with Homecoming this fall. Discussion was held in regards to various events for the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, if you have any ideas, contact Kim at [rivard@iue.edu](mailto:rivard@iue.edu)

There will be a free pancake breakfast Wednesday March 9<sup>th</sup> to kick off the Campus Campaign.

Star Johnson passed out committee assignment for 2011 – 2012. Star asked that the Ways and Means committee meet soon to plan a fundraiser.

The I U East Red Wolves play in the National N.A.I.A. basketball tournament in Missouri at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday night March 9th. There will be a viewing party in the Graf with food and drinks available.

Next meeting will be April 1<sup>st</sup> in the old DAR in WZ Hall. Marcia Sloan will be the host.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Jeffrey Locke, Secretary