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Minutes of the annual meeting of the LOSAC committee

Tuesday, October 10, 2006

9:00 a.m.

Staff Lounge

Present: Stacey Bivens (Chair), Mona Strausberger (Vice-Chair), Susan Kapost (Secretary), Joan Metzger (Historian), Sherry Lee Patterson, Pat Arne

Excused: Angie Schroeder (LAC rep)

LOSAC officers and members were introduced; Angie Schroeder's absence was excused.

There were no comments or questions from the staff regarding the Annual Report.

There were no comments or questions from the staff regarding the notes from the meeting with Human Resources staff. When discussing some the unfavorable aspects of the civil service system, it was mentioned the staff needs to remember it is a state-wide system when considering its drawbacks. Also, it was mentioned that a staff member's official file is the one maintained by the Human Resources department.

The change of the dean's meeting time from the fall to the spring was reiterated. Staff was encouraged to be thinking of potential questions ahead of time.

The operating staff representative on the University Libraries' Dean's search committee asked for further input from the staff as to what characteristics should be considered for the next dean. A few things were immediately mentioned: a PhD in library science and/or education, a commitment to NIU, and an ability to protect and promote the library's interests within the university's community.