CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the Staff Advisory Committee (SAC) was called to order at 12:18 p.m. by Mr. Troy Turnipseed, chairperson.


VISITORS: Kameron Bausch, Mary Flick, Barb Gradala, Diane Holloman, Jeanne Young

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Kathy Barbeau, Teri Bertram, Lin Cowick, Daria Dietz, Wayne Donjon, Pam Gunti, Debbie Humiston, Alquinston Johnson, Amanda McArthur, Kathy Neiger, Catherine Nolan, Theresa Perry, Colleen Schneider, Sue Stevens, Connie Tillman, Ellen Weis, Debbie Wilson

MINUTES: The minutes of the November 20 meeting were approved with the following corrections and clarification. Ginny Antonacci and Sandra Ford were present.

Under the President's Remarks, while the overall undergraduate and graduate enrollments are up at Saint Louis University (SLU), the freshman enrollment did not meet the budget target figure.

MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT
DIVERSITY AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Troy introduced Jennifer Schoessele, director of the office of affirmative action. Ms. Schoessele stated that she assumed this position in August 2008 and is an attorney by trade, from the Washington, D.C., area. Her office is in DuBourg Hall, room 36, and her telephone number is 977-3065. Her office investigates any complaints about affirmative action, conducts workshops, and is responsible for the affirmative action plan and its audits. Her goal is a University-wide strategic plan, one that would bring all efforts from around the University together. Recruitment practices are being examined. She referred all to the web site for diversity.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES (ITS): Troy introduced Tim Brooks, vice president and chief information officer, who has been with SLU one year after 16 years at Washington University. Mr. Brooks distributed copies of the ITS Management Team chart. He lists as his main goals: reorganization around current IT needs; development and implementation of formal IT service network; adopt and nurture new IT culture based upon quality service. Service personnel have been increased 33%. Major equipment sites are in Des Peres Hall, Doisy Research Center, Caroline Building. Problems with the Banner system were mentioned.

MISSION AND MINISTRY: Troy introduced Mary Flick, Office of Mission and Ministry, who has been with SLU 22 years. Ms. Flick stated that it is up to all of us to keep the University's Jesuit identity, the "why" we do what we do. Mission and Ministry offers opportunities for reflection. Now in the spring will be 28 days reflection, "I'm responsible." The SLU Helping Our Own has served 95% of people who have approached them. She encouraged all to attend the three part "Shared Vision" series and the Ignation lunches and the Mission Brown Bag lunches. Brochures were available to be picked up.

REPORTS: Tabled until the January meeting.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Troy listed SAC accomplishments so far this year:
(8) Make a Difference Day participation
(7) Back to School drive
(6) Blue Santa drive
(5) Hot Topics Series each month
(4) Increased attendance
(3) Increase in new member applications
(2) Recognition – all SAC members will get a letter from the president thanking each for service with a copy to the staff supervisor
(1) A SAC budget

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, January 15, 2009

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

Joyce E. Huelsmann
Recording Secretary