Minutes from the May 19, 2010 General Meeting

- Melody welcomed all in attendance at the meeting

- Melody provided updates about upcoming events including:
  
  - UWT Block Party Wednesday, May 26, 2010 from 12:00-2:00pm. Volunteers are needed for this event, including staffing, setup, cooking, and cleanup
  
  - Staff Association BBQ: Event will take place July 29th. Catalyst survey demonstrated Staff Association members wanted to have an event this summer meaning there will be no cancellations this year! This year committees will help organize the event. Staff board members will serve on the food committee while volunteers are encouraged to sign up for the “fun” committee. Fun committee members will brainstorm entertainment for the BBQ. An email will be sent to remind members about volunteering for the event.
  
  - Service Project: Based on Feedback members would like to have more options to donate. The board decided to partner with the Boys and Girls Club this year. The Boys and Girls Club have a goal of $700,000 and have raised $400,000 so far. Bisquick provides grants for fund-raising and donated $250.00 for the Staff Association to organize a pancake feed as part of this year’s service project. All proceeds from the pancake feed will go to the Boys and Girls Club.

- Dayna Childs from Admissions Advising joined our meeting to provide information about the Budget Committee. Committees are formed by the Chancellor and include one staff association member, two directors and two faculty members and three vice-chancellors. The budget committee advises the chancellor where they would like to have funds allocated. Its purpose is to manage of the annual budget cycle, review the budgetary and financial status of campus programs and functions, and ensure that budget processes and outcomes are aligned with University strategic goals. Questions were asked about students serving on the budget committee and if there more staff representation would be included. The Chancellor would like to restructure the budget committee process but as of this time it is uncertain.

- Bo announced this quarter’s Unsung Hero Recipient: Anna Mertz! Anyone wanting to nominate staff can contact any staff association board member with their nomination. New staff members were also announced. We welcome Jessica Asplund, Instructional Lab Coordinator for Environmental Sciences and Jennifer Adrien, Program Coordinator, Milgard School of Business.

- Bob announced the Distinguished Staff Award winners for 2010: Jennifer Burley and Laura Delval. Both were recognized in this year’s Spring Celebration. Bob noted that there were a significant amount of nominees and encourages anyone wanting to nominate someone next year to contact the elections committee.
Erica announced the winner of the UWT Staff T-shirt Design Contest. There was a tie for both of Jennifer Magofnia’s designs. The one most voted on was her “We’re Here For You” design. T-shirts will be available shortly and we are trying to keep the price under $15.00 per shirt. Pre-sales will be taken for anyone interested.

Jeaneen announced the current staff association budget of $888.88 on behalf of Donna.

Other items discussed:

- UWT’s 20th Anniversary. This was an internal celebration but the campus should plan for a more public celebration for the 25th Anniversary soon.

- Mentoring: Does the title of Mentor/Mentee need to be changed? Suggestions were “Staff Buddy.” All mentoring ideas can be sent to Bo.

The meeting ended with two raffle drawings for those in attendance and no other items were discussed.

Staff Association Members
Melody Ferguson, Co-Chair
Erica Coker, Co-Chair
Donna Plummer-Treasurer
Jeaneen Bougard-Secretary
Bob Hardie, Elections-Committee Chair
Bo Bae, Mentoring-Committee Chair

Attendees: Jo Enscoe, Dayna Childs, Anna Salyer, Marcie Pierson, Jessica Asplund, Lia Wetzstein, Megan Bentley, Tyler Wilson, Jill Danseco, Brian Anderson, Beth Luce, Anna Mertz, Heather Hucks