



Minutes/Actes:

Meeting No: 46/15
Date: 05 September 2019
Time: 13:15 - 14:30
Venue: Conf. Room F
Quorum: 11/17 Units

46th Staff Council Meeting Minutes

The meeting was quorate with 9 Units present at 13:35. Staff Council Deputy Chair Ramona Kohrs chaired the meeting and Secretary Sherif Mohamed took notes. Units present were: 06, 13, 14, 18, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31. The President and the 1st Vice President were in attendance.

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Assistant Treasurer Michelle Rockcliffe made a motion to move agenda items 5 and 6 up to become agenda items 2 and 3. The motion was approved by the Council. The agenda was adopted as amended.

2. Draft Resolution on Staff Assistant contract renewal

A few changes to the presented draft resolutions were made by the Deputy Chair and the Assistant Treasurer. The Assistant Treasurer raised concerns related to the budget line from which the approved amount should come after exhausting the amounts assigned for temporary assistance in the Union's budget. An additional paragraph was added to the Draft Resolution to that meaning.

The Council moved to vote on the draft resolution.

The Draft Resolution was adopted unanimously as (STC/RES/46/14) with 10 votes in favour, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.

3. Draft Resolution on LAN and power connections for monitors

The Assistant Treasurer raised concerns regarding the locations of the Union's screens and asked the Council to consider these locations carefully before proceeding with the approval of funds for installation. A few changes were proposed and approved by the Council.

The Council moved to vote on the draft resolution.

The Draft Resolution was adopted (STC/RES/46/15) by 8 votes in favour, 0 votes against and 2 abstentions.

4. Adoption of previous minutes

Minutes of meetings 10, 11, 13, and 14 are still pending.

5. President's Report and Summary of Communications

The 2nd VP Francisco Brito called for volunteers to participate in the preparations of the Staff Day. The Deputy Chair asked the Council members to get back to the proposed changes to STs and SGBs shared by the 1st VP and make comments on them if needed, including the ST/AI on part-time employment mentioned in the President's report.

6. Executive Board report

Ashley Rode (Unit 21) raised a concern regarding the official last name of the Council's staff assistant (contractor) which was mistakenly mixed with her middle name in some Council records. The record keepers will arrange to correct this mistake. Sebastian Cervantes (Unit 22) inquired about the status of financial support pledged by the Union for the victims of Hurricane Dorian. The plan of action mentioned in the EB report in this regard will be considered by the Union.

7. Draft Communications Strategy

The 1st VP asked the Council to formulate a mission statement to be included in the strategy, and to approve the draft strategy circulated to the Council members after the inclusion of the mission statement.

8. Staff Day Committee

The 1st VP informed the Council that the Leadership team will break down all the generic activities into specific locations and times, and that updates on the details of activities and events will be posted on the Union's website (u-see) as well as the Union's Facebook page.

9. Reports by Units

Karina Loktionova (Unit 29) briefed the Council on a meeting that she, and other staff representatives from the Documentation Division, had with the Director of the Division regarding a petition made by translators regarding the requirements mentioned in a P5 (Senior Reviser) job announcement, which did not meet the usual requirements of this job.

She informed the Council that the Director promised to share her views and ideas about the future of the Division with all staff concerned.

The first VP called for the Council members to elect or designate Unit Chairs to enable the Union to move forward with the elections of new polling officers, arbitration committee, and by-elections.

10. AOB

No questions were raised.

The meeting adjourned at 14:50.
