Minutes
The minutes from the December 9, 2008 meeting were approved as presented.

Elections
An email about the Staff Council elections was sent out. The committee hoped that people may feel that they can make a difference on campus. If the election process does not full the council, people will be appointed. Several departments picked up another representative.

President Becker
John Medlock announced that he will be meeting at the end of January with GSU’s new president, John Becker. The new president also plans on hosting a retreat in early March for selected administrators and leaders on campus. John created a 2 page document for Dr. Becker’s review with a summary of the Staff Council, its goals, and activities. A committee member suggested presenting him with a binder that can be updated each year, but it was pointed out that Dr. Becker prefers electronic storage of documents. The date and Staff Council logo will be added to the document. Dr. Becker provided John Medlock with a list of 5 questions he wanted to review at the meeting. The committee discussed whether the questions should be answered strictly with staff in mind or should be representative of the entire campus. The questions relate to the ‘big picture’ on campus, but the committee tried to include staff’s perspective.

Winter Brunch
John Medlock announced that the Staff Council winter brunch was a success and he thanked everyone for their involvement.

Bylaws
The bylaws were sent to council members with tracked changes marking the updates. A motion will be made at the January meeting to pass the bylaws. The bylaws are expected to be approved with no complications.

Orientation
The executive committee will create an orientation for new members.
Committee Reports
Staff Development – Six staff scholarships were awarded. The awards will be presented at the January Staff Council meeting.

Recorded by Susan Vogtner.