Opening Business
David Caudill called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

Senate Elections
The committee discussed the upcoming elections, with the following schedule laid out:

1/29: Candidate applications due
2/1-2/5: Candidate applications posted to web site
2/8-2/12: Candidate forum
2/17: Election during the February Staff Council meeting

The announcement and attached application were to be sent out later in on January 5. The committee agreed that it was important to encourage would-be Senators to run for Staff Council at the same time, so that they would be assured of having an opportunity for service.

Strategic Plan Update
Sandra Garber, who is a member of the committee writing the university’s next strategic plan, said the committee had heard outside speakers and was planning to go to Phoenix to hear about the University of Arizona’s strategic planning process at the end of the month. The plan is still in its early stages, but Garber was able to say that it was going to be a short, directed document, with other planning documents laying out specific areas.

Committee Reports
Most of the committees had not met since before the winter holiday. Jowanna Tillman, of the Staff Development and Advancement Committee, reported that she had started work once again on the project to get a 25 percent discount on staff training classes for the GRE, GMAT and LSAT.

Inclement Weather Concerns
Committee members shared their concerns – and the problems that had arisen in their respective areas – as a result of the icy and inclement weather of the previous Friday. The Executive Committee resolved to write a letter to the President expressing their concerns for staff safety, and to send it by Friday, January 8.