2004-2005 Staff Advisory Council Officers
President: Deborah Rupp
Vice President: B. J. Yergens
Secretary: San Miller
Parliamentarian: Charlotte Petrek

STAFF ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
Wednesday, August 18, 2004

SAC Members Present: Carolyn Alexander, Renee Bazemore, Shelia Bradley, Donna Bravard, Melissa Brenneman, Kyle Bruner, Vernessia Callahan, Kevin Chappell, Ronda Christian, Dawn Davis, Patricia Early, Sue Fagan, Sally Fowler, Tiffany Franklin, Sandra Garber, Frank Hall, Melody Harris, Gwendolyn Maddox, Yvonne Mangiarancina, John Medlock, Tammy Merck, Jean Miller, Sandra Miller, Charlotte Petrek, Debbie Rupp, Preeti Sagar, Tracy Van Voris, Anita Webb, and B.J. Yergens.


SAC Members Absent: Regina Bryant, Carolyn Codamo, Danny Darby, June Houston, Johnathan Keith, Jerry Knox, Jeffrey Owens, Larry Pankey, Michelle Pettiiway-Lavender, Ellen Semple, Michelle Swain, Angelita Sye, Tawanna Tookes, Maria Trejo, and Henry Winston.

Staff Senators: Kyle Bruner, Carolyn Codamo, Sally Fowler, Sandra Garber, John Medlock, Jean Miller, Sandra Miller, Charlotte Petrek, Debbie Rupp, Leslie Williams, and B.J. Yergens.

Guests: Beth Flannigan, Randall Cowart, and Cheryl Johnson Ransaw.

Call to Order and Minutes:
The meeting was called to order by SAC President, Debbie Rupp, and the Staff Advisory Council July 21, 2004 meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

Election - office of SAC Vice President:
Nominations for the office of SAC Vice President, formerly held by Leslie Williams, were accepted from the floor for the following three candidates – Ronda Christian, Gwen Maddox, and B J Yergens. After ballots were distributed and counted, the results were announced with the election of B. J. Yergens as Vice President.

Retreat Comment:
Debbie Rupp thanked everyone for the positive energy and creative processes brought to the Retreat to make it a success and to finely tune the goals of the group. The consensus of the group discussions will be formatted into a summary to share with Dr. Patton and with the SAC Representatives. One of the items discussed at the Retreat was the name and the purpose of the organization. Anyone wishing to participate in a group regarding the identity of the organization, may sign up at the SAC registration table.

Reports:
SAC Standing Committee, SAC Representatives on University Committees, and Senators will update the group at each SAC Monthly Meeting and also write a summary report to be published with the subsequent meeting notes.
SAC Committee and Senator Reports: JULY

Standing Committees

BENEFITS COMMITTEE:
Jean Miller reported that the committee is preparing a donated leave policy which will be presented to the Executive Committee shortly.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE:
Tracy Van Voris reported that one of the discussion topics to be considered this year was the voting districts and the recommendation to combine the exempt, non-exempt, and professional and administrative districts. The Committee will consider the proposition and make its recommendation to the Executive Committee at which time that latter group will review and evaluate the proposition before bringing the proposition to the SAC Representatives for consideration.

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE:
Melody Harris reported that the Staff Benefit- Employee Information Day event will be October 20, 2004 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the Student Center Senate Salon.

ELECTION COMMITTEE:
Melissa Brenneman reported that the committee was awaiting the By Laws review of the election procedures.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE:
Yvonne Mangiaracina reported that the first meeting of the Committee consisted of a discussion and viewpoints of what the committee should consider as its focus and charge.

SENATORS:
Debbie reported that prior to the upcoming Senate Meeting that Kyle had suggested that the Senators meet to discuss Senate agenda items. Senator meetings will be scheduled prior to the actual Senate dates.

New Business:
Debbie reminded the group that the Committees and any SAC representation on campus was vital to the organization. It is important that members attend the group and advise SAC leadership as to any unexcused absences. If necessary, SAC can invite membership from the University staff to have the opportunity to participate as ad hoc members of a committee.

Debbie inquired if the SAC Representatives had received a letter from Dr. Patton congratulating them as to their role in SAC.

Sue Fagan inquired as to why the President was not on the calendar. Debbie responded that there had been conflicts with his schedule and SAC meeting dates; however, she was planning to get together with him to share the outcome of the Retreat and the organization’s ideas. Sue also stated she would like to ask Dr. Patton about the use of “GSU” since she has had inquiries from her constituents for clarification on this matter.

The USGA meeting will be held on October 7-8, 2004 in Columbus, Georgia. The $35.00 registration fee and discounted hotel fee are available with details on the SAC website.

Over 70 applicants applied for the Leadership Academy for Women.

Cheryl Johnson Ransaw reminded the group that FASA consultation is now applicable for family consultation.

The meeting was adjourned.

Please contact San Miller, sanmiller@gsu.edu, if there are any additions or corrections to the meeting minutes. Thank you.

Meeting notes respectively submitted by:

San Miller