



Georgia State
University Staff Council

STAFF COUNCIL MINUTES
January 18, 2006
465 University Center

Members Present: Amber Amari, Angela Arnold, Renee Bazemore, David Bledsoe, Victor Bolet, Melissa Brenneman, Melissa Buchheit, Cliveita Caesar, Vernessia Callahan, Danny Darby, Natasha Davenport, Sandra Garber, MaryAnne Gaunt, Toure Heywood, Tyra Hines, June Houston, Jarrett King, Katie Lowry, John Medlock, Sandra Miller, Bonte Mitchell, Wandra Ponder, Debbie Rupp, Jackie Slaton, Kenee Stephens, Jeffrey Stockwell, Adolphus Stroud, Michelle Swain, Randy Trammell, Angela Turk, Susan Vogner, Anita Webb, Rhonda Williams, and Shelly-Ann Williams.

Members Excused: Dawn Davis, Patricia Early, Frank Hall, Ruby Hopkins, Angela Lefebvre, Jan McCord, Jean Miller, Phillip Mitchem, Preeti Sagar, Marlon Williams, and B. J. Yergens.

Members Absent: Deborah Dunbar, Tazar Gissentanner, Al Gore, Carol Miller, Larry Pankey, Charlotte Petrek, and Maria Trejo.

Guests: Cheryl Johnson Ransaw

The SC President, Debbie Rupp, called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m. The first item of business was the approval of the November minutes. The minutes were approved with no changes.

The next item of business was the approval of a proposal from the Bylaws Committee to amend the text to allow for the change in when elections are held and to formally address staff senators. A friendly amendment was made to accept the proposal after some typographical errors are corrected. The motion to approve the amended proposal was seconded. The question was called and the motion passed.

Debbie then called for committee reports. Election Committee chair Melissa Brenneman gave a summary of the preparations for the upcoming Staff Council elections. A postcard will be sent to all staff announcing the election process and flyers will be posted around the university. Staff senator elections are coming up as well. Debbie introduced Jarrett King who will serve as a staff senator and complete Shelia Bradley's unexpired term. Phillip Mitchem will complete Shelia's Staff Council term. Katie Lowry gave the report for the Events Committee. Katie went over the festivities surrounding Homecoming 2006 and asked for volunteers to assist in judging the door decorating contest. Victor Bolet announced that the Staff Development Committee is reviewing the Staff Scholarship applications for Spring 2006.

MaryAnne Gaunt gave committee reports for the Senate Statutes and Bylaws Committee and the Senate Cultural Diversity Committee. Debbie gave the report on FACP. She noted that GSU is down in credit hours, particularly in part-time students. It is hoped that pro-rating the student fees will help attract more part-time students. The university will undergo a 2% cut in the FY2006 budget.

Several announcements were made. Renee Bazemore stated that the Alumni Office is starting a drive to recruit more employees who are GSU graduates into the Alumni Association. Debbie needs two volunteers to serve on an ad hoc committee on the distribution of officers' duties. Grievance panel training will be February 1 from 10:00 – 1:00 in room 718-GCB. The homecoming golf cart parade will be at noon on February 8. February 15 will be the last meeting of the 05-06 Staff Council.

Debbie called on Cheryl Johnson Ransaw to make some announcements from FASA. Three initiatives will be starting soon: Weight Watchers, Smoking Cessation, and Yoga and Meditation. Contact FASA for more information. Debbie announced that a date has been set for the Staff Council retreat: Friday, May 19.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Nell Stone