2005-2006 Staff Council Officers

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STAFF COUNCIL MINUTES
May 18, 2005
Room 465 University Center


Members Excused: Angela Arnold, Natasha Davenport, Tiffany Franklin, Frank Hall, June Houston, Angela Lefebvre, John Medlock, Carol Miller, Sandra Miller, Bonte Mitchell, Pamela Sandberg, Marlon Williams and Shelly-Ann Williams.

Members Absent: Cliveita Caesar, Dawn Davis, Patricia Early, Yvonne Mangiaracina, Michelle Pettiway-Lavender, Michelle Swain, Maria Trejo, and Felicia Watts.

Guests: Linda Crow and Cheryl Johnson Ransaw.

The meeting was called to order by Staff Council President Debbie Rupp at 3:05 p.m. Debbie welcomed and thanked everyone for coming.

Approval of the Minutes: Debbie asked for a motion to accept the April 20, 2005 Staff Council minutes. A motion was made, it was seconded and passed. The minutes were approved.

New Member Orientation: Debbie presented a power point presentation; Staff Council 1010—Everything You Ever Wanted To Know About Staff Council. The presentation was an overview of Staff Council’s purpose/mission, expectation of members and importance of committees. Mary Nell will send the presentation to all Staff Council members.

Business:

- University System of GA Staff Council (USGSC) Annual Conference will be held October 13-14, 2005 at the University of Georgia. The cost of the conference is $45. More information will be available soon. B.J. Yergens, Charlie Petrak and Karlease Bradford attended conference last year and it was very informative.
• The Staff Council Retreat will be held June 17, 2005 at the Indian Creek Lodge in Stone Mountain. The retreat will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. Directions to the Lodge are available on the Recreation Center website. Lunch and light breakfast will be provided. The facilitator will be Maggie McHugh-Parrish.

• The retreat will be in lieu of the June Staff Council meeting.

• Staff Council members were asked to write down pressing/important issues relating to all staff as well as any questions or suggestions. The issues will be addressed at the retreat.

• Staff Council members should wear lapel pins as much as possible to represent the group.

• Debbie encourages all members to bring a buddy to the Staff Council meetings. Meetings are open to all.

Committees:

• Committees will meet at retreat to elect officers and set meeting day & time.

• The Communications Committee will discuss establishing a standardized template for monthly reporting to constituents. B.J. will email instructions to members on how to find list of constituents.

• A Staff Council survey will go out via email to all staff in early June. Members should talk to constituents about the importance of filling out the survey.

FACP (Fiscal Advisory Committee to the President): Debbie Rupp, president
There will be a shortfall for salaries in the FY'06 budget. There will be an 8% tuition increase to help offset the shortfall.

FASA: Cheryl Ransaw, employee assistance coordinator
Weight Watchers is an ongoing initiative. Registration is open for the summer session and a minimum of 15 people are needed to form a group.

Updates/Announcements:

• Staff Council meetings are from 3 – 4:30 p.m.

• Debbie introduced Linda Crow, interim AVP for human resources

Meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Renee Bazemore, please send any additions or corrections to rbazemore@gsu.edu or call 404/651-3979.