



Georgia State
University Staff Council

STAFF COUNCIL MINUTES
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460 University Center

Members Present: Ed Able, Amber Amari, Angela Arnold, Victor Bolet, Vanessa Brown, Gretchen Cannon, Denise Floyd, Sandra Garber, MaryAnne Gaunt, Sharon German, Ruby Hopkins, Gary Longstreet, Rodney Lyn, John Medlock, Jean Miller, San Miller, Phillip Mitchem, Kimberly Moore, Stephanie Mullis, Beverly Peters, James Poulakos, Shantavia Reid, Christopher Robertson, Debbie Rupp, Lisa Shepard, Randy Trammell, Angela Turk, Susan Vogtner, Rhonda Williams, Shelly-Ann Williams, and Lawana Wimberly.

Members Excused: Menetha Alston, Renee Bazemore, Annette Butler, Cindy Clark, Jan McCord, Bonte Mitchell, and Kenee Stephens.

Members Absent: Kenyatta Bush, Eric Drayton, Tyra Hines, Laurie Jones, Ray Lanier, and Anita Webb.

Guests: Earl Daniels.

Staff Council President Phillip Mitchem called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. The first item of business was the approval of the November minutes. The minutes were approved with no changes.

President Patton spoke next. He stated that the USG's formula funding was increased and it is fully funded in the Governor's budget. MRR funding was funded this year, part in cash and part in bonds. There were no minor projects funded this year. A 3% merit raise for employees is in the Governor's budget. GSU will be selling the Village in either one of two ways: either to Ga. Tech or put it on the market. It is hoped to be resolved in the next few months. GSU has purchased property at Edgewood and Piedmont that is slated to be for fraternity, sorority, and international student housing. He updated the council on the Sun Trust property, the Decatur Street project, the Science/Teaching lab, the University Commons, and the Plaza.

The next agenda item was the proposal to change the SC Bylaws to allow for a Board of Officers. John Medlock reviewed the changes. The motion was seconded and the question was called. The motion was passed by acclamation. Because Phillip will be past-president/chair, he will serve as the Planning Director for the 07-08 SC year. Phillip thanked John for all his hard work in getting this proposal together. Angela Arnold gave a report on the Elections process. A letter will go out to all staff and there will be information on the SC home page. A groupwise message will go out to all employees as well. Shantavia Reid announced that Homecoming is coming up and she needs volunteers to serve as judges for the door decorating contest. Volunteers are also needed for the Alternate Spring Break program.

Senate committee reports were next. Sandra Garber reported that Library North will be opening in early February. She also reported that CBSAC will be reviewing the FY08 allocation of funds for MRR. Planning and Development passed the President's annual report. MaryAnne Gaunt reported that the Cultural Diversity Committee will continue to have a staff subcommittee. John Medlock reported for the Budget Committee. VP Rackliffe presented a 10-year plan which included a projection of growth in enrollment and how GSU would deal with it.

Several announcements were made. San Miller updated the council on GRTA and MARTA. April 27 will be Six Flags night for the GSU community. More information will be coming. Auxiliary Services and the Freshman Learning Communities were given awards from the Board of Regents. Congratulations!

Since there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Nell Stone