STAFF COUNCIL MINUTES
March 15, 2006
465 University Center

Members Present: Ed Able, Menetha Alston, Amber Amari, Angela Arnold, Renee Bazemore, Victor Bolet, Vanessa Brown, Gretchen Cannon, Cindy Clark, Denise Floyd, Sandra Gardner, MaryAnne Green, Jarrell King, June Houston, Angela Lefebvre, John Medlock, Jean Miller, Sandra Miller, Phillip Mitchell, Kimberly Moore, Stephanie Mullis, Beverly Peters, James Poulakos, Shantavia Reid, Debbie Rupp, Lisa Shepard, Susan Vogtner, Anita Webb, Rhonda Williams, and Shelly-Ann Williams.
Members Absent: Kenyatta Bush, Eric Drayton, Sharon German, Charlotte Petrek, and Randy Trammell.
Guests: Wendy Bingham, Cheryl Johnson Ransaw, and Deshanna Brown.

The SC President, Debbie Rupp, called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. The first item of business was the approval of the February minutes. The minutes were approved with no changes.

Debbie welcomed the new members and gave a presentation with an overview of SC and the duties of representatives. Next she called on John Medlock to give a report from the ad hoc committee on officers. This committee reviewed the SC officers’ duties to try to make the workload more equitable across the board. At present, the SC President must attend several university meetings in addition to setting the agenda and presiding over the monthly SC meetings. John summarized the report and announced that it would be sent to all representatives via email. Representatives are urged to read through the proposal and provide John with feedback by March 24.

The next item of business was committee assignments. Representatives volunteered for the committees they preferred and each group met and elected a chair and a secretary. There being no slate of officers to approve, officer elections will be delayed until the April meeting. Next, Deshanna Brown from the Annual Giving Office announced this year’s faculty/staff campaign, which will be called the “Campus Campaign.” The kickoff for the campaign will be March 30 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm in Veterans Memorial Hall. All are welcome and encouraged to come.

Debbie announced that the Georgia State Police Department recently received national accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). This is quite an honor. The accreditation holds the department to national standards in an effort to improve the profession of law enforcement. The next topic for discussion was the annual retreat. Because the lodge was unavailable for May 19th, the council decided that it would be held on Thursday, May 25th. Please reserve that date now!

Debbie then recognized Cheryl Johnson Ransaw from FASA. Cheryl introduced herself and talked about the initiatives her office is sponsoring this spring. She distributed some flyers describing the available programs.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Nell Stone