STAFF COUNCIL MINUTES  
July 19, 2006  
460 University Center


Members Excused: Al Gore, Angela Lefebvre, Sandra Garber and Jean Miller.


Guests: Cheryl Johnson Ransaw.

Staff Council President Phillip Mitchem called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. The first item of business was the approval of the June minutes. The minutes were approved with no changes.

The next item of business was an election to fill the vacant parliamentary position. James Poulakos was nominated and agreed to serve. He was elected by acclamation.

Committee reports were the next item. Debbie Rupp gave the report for the Events Committee. The Benefits/Employee Information Day for 2006 will be Tuesday, October 10, in the Student Center Ballroom. A call will go out soon to the campus community for participants. Any departments that can supply giveaways or prizes should contact the Events Committee.

Victor Bolet gave the report for the Staff Development Committee. This committee is working to gather information in one place about training across campus. Staff members will be able to go to one web site to see all the opportunities for training across campus. MaryAnne Gaunt stated that the Bylaws Committee is working on revising the section on the election of officers and the duties of those elected. There was discussion about getting some training on Robert’s Rules of Order for the Council. Debbie Rupp volunteered to contact John Marshall about speaking to the Council. An announcement was made that Randy Trammell and Amber Amari will be the co-chairs of the Communication Committee.

There was a brief discussion about the upcoming changes to the commencement ceremonies and the work being done on Peachtree Road starting July 23. Phillip then turned the floor over to Cheryl Johnson Ransaw from FASA. She announced that GSU has gotten some grant money from the American Cancer Society to evaluate tobacco use and smoking policies on campus. FASA is partnering with the Student Health Promotion and Education Office to address this subject to benefit the university community. A Tobacco Task Force has been formed and the Freshstart Smoking Cessation Program is one type of class offered free of charge to those who would like to quit smoking.

Debbie Rupp announced the 2006 Kaiser Permanente Corporate Walk/Run on Thursday, September 21. GSU will have a tent this year. Information about registering to participate will be forthcoming. Debbie encouraged everyone to participate in this fun event.

Since there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Nell Stone

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