Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2008
Room 465 University Center

GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY
STAFF COUNCIL


Excused: Gretchen Cannon, MaryAnne Gaunt, Angela Turk

Absent: Jessie Aaron, Joe Amador, Kevin Chappell, Sharon German, Toure Heywood, Cherecia Kline, Teresa Rucker, David Smart, Cassandra Thornton, Tawanna Tookes, Henry Winston, Valerie Woods

Opening Business:
The meeting was called to order at 3 p.m. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

New Council Introductions:
Outgoing council chair Shelly-Ann Williams welcomed all new and returning council members. She introduced Deborah Rupp, who asked everyone to introduce themselves to another council member and learn one thing they have in common. The exercise provided an opportunity for members from across campus to get to know their peers.

Orientation:
Shelly-Ann provided the group with an orientation on Staff Council’s mission and structure, and on the responsibilities of representatives. She stressed the importance of attending council meetings, working together productively on committees, staying well informed on university staff-related matters, and communicating regularly with district constituents. At the end of the presentation, she gave all new council members lapel pins, which she asked them to wear regularly and with pride.

Election of Officers:
The slate of nominees for the Board of Officers was announced. Only one candidate existed for each position and no new nominations were made from the floor, so the slate was elected by acclimation. The 2008-09 officers are John Medlock, chair; Amber Amari, vice chair; LaRose Raston, committees director; Susan Vogtner, staff relations director; and Shelly-Ann Williams, planning director.
Swearing in of New Council and Officers:
Elections committee chair Randall Alberts led the oath of office for council members and then the new council Board of Officers.

Motions for Approval:
Randall brought motions to the floor on behalf of the Bylaws committee. The first provides a means for the appointment of council members outside the normal election process and clarified the voting rights of senators. The second merged the Bylaws and Elections committees into a single Administrative committee. Both motions were approved by the council.

Committee Selection:
Amber Amari distributed information about the duties of each committee to the council, and then members broke up into groups for each committee. LaRose Raston, the new committees chair, collected names of those who made a commitment to a specific committee. Committees were also charged with determining a meeting date and location.

Annual Report:
John Medlock presented a draft of the 2007-08 council annual report to the group. During the 2007-08 term, the university Staff Council took on a wide range of issues and made notable progress in many areas. He asked for suggestions for finalizing the report.

Adjournment:
The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

 Recorded by John Medlock