GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY
STAFF COUNCIL

Staff Retreat Minutes
May 15, 2009
College of Education


Absent: Eric Ashford, Cassandra Burney, Elisha Jarrett, Sharon German, Melody Harris, Carla Hines, Teresa Rucker, David Smart, Kimberly Walker.

Guests: Cheryl Johnson Ranshaw, Christopher Jackman, Dabney Dixon, Donna Holloway, Liz Babiarz, Linda Bryant, Miriam Jackson, Valerie Ross, Bill Kahnweiler.

Opening Business
David Caudill called the meeting to order and greeted the members at 8:30 a.m.

Presentation on Networking
The theme of the retreat was “Building Networks to Strengthen our University Community.” The day began with a presentation on networking by Bill Kahnweiler, an associate professor in the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies and a nationally-known expert on human interactions in the workplace. Kahnweiler led the group in several exercises to examine and practice building networks with co-workers to get things done.

Main business
The rest of the day alternated between meetings of the council’s various committees, and panel discussions with outside guests. The panels included participants from Human Resources, Building Services, University Relations and on-campus environmental advocacy groups. The discussion ranged over topics including campus safety, employee training, recycling and conservation, and staff scholarships and recognition. The council’s committees worked together to begin formulating their goals for the year.