Attending: Kathy Bryant-Bonds, David Caudill, Lesia Chandler, Kevin Chappell, Ann Claycombe, Denise Dimsdale, Charles Gilbreath, Nigel Harris, Monique Haynes, Angie Lymon, David McCord, Elaine McGill, Karmen Milton, Kimberly Moore, Trelley Murray, Felisha Norrington, LaRose Raston, Lisa Shepard, Amanda Stoll, Margaret Tate, Winnie Tsang-Kosma, Angela Turk, Chad Van Gorden, Susan Vogtner, Rhonda Williams, Lillian Winfrey, Sandra Garber, MaryAnne Gaunt, John Medlock, Bill Prigge

Excused: James Amann, Amber Amari, Stephanie Echols, Melody Harris, Miriam Jackson, Slater Lock, Susan Modello, Camela Pattillo, Jennifer Shockley, Jowanna Tillman, Darlene Ward-Wright, San Miller

Absent: Kwaku Andoh, Eric Ashford, Gretchen Cannon, Alfred English, Gregori Faroux, Gary Fessenden, Cindy Forrest, Casey Heath, Keisha Jones, Rene Presti, Mike Raderstorf, Roger Roa, Tawanna Tookes, Randy Trammell, Anita Webb, Alicia White, Henry Winston, Jeff Pruett

Guests: Dan Roberts, Cheryl Johnson-Ransaw, Debbie Rupp

Opening Business
Ann Claycombe called the meeting to order at 3:00. The minutes from the previous Staff Council meeting were approved with modifications.

Staff Scholarship
The staff scholarship was presented to Brian Buckwald.

Sandra Garber Retiring
Debbie Rupp remarked on Sandra Garber’s contributions to staff, Staff Council, University Senate, and the University as a whole. She will be missed as she heads into retirement.
Sandra thanked the council and stated that Staff Council enriched her experience at the university.

Staff Recognition
LaRose Ralston stated that the staff scholarships had been announced and presented. The committee also chose a representative to serve on the staff appreciation committee.
Campus Sustainability
Winnie Tsang-Kosma announced that the poster for energy conservation had been created and will be printed. The committee will coordinate the release of the poster with Earth day.

P & D
Sandra Garber announced that the strategic plan had passed and will be going before the full senate on Thursday. The university President is ready for implantation. The plan does not include the diversity strategic plan. David Caudil added that the executive summary of the diversity strategic plan will be included in an appendix of the strategic plan.

President’s Roundtable
Sandra Garber, David Caudil, and Lisa Shepard attended the President’s roundtable discussion. They agreed that it was very constructive and the president was engaged. The discussion included “training and occupational development, career paths, advancement opportunities, training for supervisors, brain drain as the economy improves, and the economic situation.

Senate Elections
The staff senator application is available online. An email will be sent out to staff members soon. The deadline for submission is January 31. The candidate forum will be February 1 from 10 – 11 in UC 465. In order to be eligible, staff members must be regular staff members with 3 years of full time service.

Staff Council Elections
Kevin Chappell discussed the continuing complications in obtaining a list of eligible staff members. The list is currently being checked and he encouraged representatives to check the list for their areas. The nominations are currently open at webdb.gsu.edu/sac . The new AYSPS units will not affect the elections until next year. All staff can vote in the election.

Diversity
Kevin Chappell discussed his work with the diversity strategic planning committee. Several changes have been made to the LGBTQ section of the plan. Promotion of the lack of diversity has been edited. The plan will go to P&D for the February meeting.

Education Opportunities
Ann Claycombe announced that she will be teaching a ‘writing for professionals’ class in February. A brochure on several upcoming educational opportunities will be delivered to staff soon.

Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 3:30.

Recorded by Susan Vogmer.