

Absent: Kwaku Andoh, Eric Ashford, Alfred English, Cindy Forrest, Nigel Harris, Keisha Jones, Rene Presti, Henry Winston, Jeff Pruett.

Opening Business
Amber Amari called the meeting to order at 3 p.m. The minutes for the July meetings were approved unanimously.

Bylaws changes presented
Kevin Chappell from the Executive Committee presented two prospective changes to the bylaws:
- A procedure for the removal of members who do not attend council or committee meetings, or senators who do not attend committee meetins.
- A procedure for selecting staff members to participate in the ad hoc committees that review high-ranking administrators.

Committee Reports
- Community Relations has a date for the employee benefits information day: Oct 29, from 10 till 2 pm, in Student Center Ballroom. Eventually will ask for volunteers. Also, the Fire safety Carnival is asking for volunteers on Sept 30, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Hurt Park.
- Staff Recognition: Staff Scholarship applications are due Aug. 20.
- Senate administrative committee: Athletics came and talked to them about what you're allowed to say to prospective athletes. Also:
• Paul Alberto will come in September talk about the strategic plan and get feedback. Staff council members are encouraged to go see the speakers brought to campus to talk about issues related to the strategic plan, and to go to the open forums in October. All discussion papers are up on the website.

• Senate research committee is rolling out an online grant application process.

Other News:
• Debbie Rupp announced this year’s Day in the Rec. Staff council will be running a cake walk, with proceeds going to staff scholarship. Also volleyball and other fun stuff. Thursday, October 28, from 11 to 2.

Presentation on Petit Science Center
• Peter Farina of the Office on Institutional Research spoke to the group about the new Petit Science Center, the campus’ newest building. First four floors are classroom space, top floors are research.
• The building was designed for conservation and security. PSC costs about half in terms of energy than the National Science Center, even with all the research laboratories moved from the NSC to the PSC.
• Farina led the group on a tour of the building’s facilities.