Staff Council Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2011

Sinclair Suite, Student Center


**Excused:** Monique Haynes, John Medlock, Carmela Pattillo, Jenifer Shockley, Randy Trammel, Darlene Ward-Wright.


**Guests:** Corrin Sorteberg, Robert Elmore, Cheryl Ransaw

1. March minutes was approved.

2. Voluntary Separation Program – Jowanna Tillman stated there are resources to help staff whose workload is impacted by the Voluntary Separation Program and may feel overwhelmed or stressed. Corrin Sorteberg state that staff can contact HR for more detail.

3. Update on Staff Roundtable – Staff are encouraged to contact Chandler if they want to participate. Jowanna Tillman stated she learned that voicemail can be set up to send as email or mobile account via [http://www.gsu.edu/help/38089.html](http://www.gsu.edu/help/38089.html). Mary Ann Gaunt cautioned that email is subject to Open Record but not voicemail.

4. Staff Council Full Day Retreat on May 20, 2011 will be at Indian Creek Lodge. Agenda will be sent to Staff Council soon.

5. University Senate Committee Reports
   - It was stated that most committees have not met yet.
   - **FACP** - The committee discussed next year’s funding for strategic plan initiatives.
   - **Admissions and Standards** – The Chair of the committee stated in order to serve on the standing committees for this committee, one must be a faculty for most of the standing committees. The Chair was asked to provide information from the bylaws.
where it specify this policy. Also, the new calendar to move Spring Break to mid March had been approved for Spring 2013.

- **Commencement** – The committee discussed the possibility of going to one commencement per year.
- **Faculty Affairs** – The committee discussed salary compression for faculty.
- **Sustainability** – Mary Ann Gaunt gave kudos to David Caudill for the hard work he had done for establishing a permanent standing committee at the senate level on sustainability.

6. **Staff Council committees**
   - All Staff Council members received their first choice of the committees they wanted to serve.
   - Planning time was given to each committee to select a vice chair and to hold brief discussion.