GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY
STAFF COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2012
Sinclair Suite, Student Center

Attending:  Amber Amari, Regina Anderson, Shantay Bennett, Prenchelle Billue, Leslie Bishop, Colleen Blanchard, David Caudill, Kevin Chappell, Ann Claycombe, La Tanya Frierson, MaryAnn Gaunt, Charles Gilbreath, Angela Go, Adrienne Gonzalez, Harley Granville, Kia Graves-Craddock, Lyshandra Holmes, Miriam Jackson, Cheryl Jester-George, Harvey Johnson, Cynthia Martin, Nakisha McNeal, Kimberly Moore, Mike Radersdorf, Andrew Reisinger, Ednisha Riley, Ebony Rose, Corrin Sorteberg, Amanda Stoll, Jowanna Tillman, Chad Van Gordon, Susan Vogtner, Anita Webb,

Excused:  John Brittian, Lindsey Cravotta, John Medlock, Stephen Rosner, Preeti Sagar, Rhonda Williams


Guests:  Jason Cavin, Melissa Cowart, Genevieve Edwards, Christopher Hawkins, Wes Kilbride, Jamilla Luckett, Maggie Miller, Laverne Perry, Jerry Rackcliffe, Chandan Robbins, Michelle Ventura, Deborah Wilson

Opening Business
Chair Jowanna Tillman called the meeting to order at 3 p.m.

Minutes
Minutes from the August 15, 2012, meeting were approved.

General Business

J. Tillman and H. Granville presented the eleven staff scholarships that were awarded for fall (9 recipients are listed among the guests, remaining two are staff council representatives).

J. Tillman handed out open enrollment fliers and noted that representatives should alert their constituents about benefit counselors on campus from October 15 - 26 (sign ups begin on Oct 8). She noted other changes included an enriched dental plan and offering whole life, home and auto insurance bundles.

Program

Presentation on the University Budget given by VP Finance and Administration, Jerry Rackcliffe.
GSU budget has actually gone up but more of it has restricted use (40 percent). Restricted use includes capital improvements $4 million (which has gone down), student activity fees -- $35 million (some of which will be used for new intramural fields on Wheat Street to replace Panthersville fields), auxiliary-- $46 million (including parking and housing), sponsored operations --$ 140 million (research and financial aid), technology fees -- $6 million, department sales and service (telephones, lab supplies, etc.) -- $20 million, and indirect costs -- $8 million (savings for science park to increase the building space).

The general fund which what we use for salaries and other none restricted operations and supplies (also called FUND Code 10) is made up of $176 million in state appropriations and $231 million in tuition and SIF (special institutional fees).

State funds have gone down by 21% but enrollment continues to increase by 14%. One time budget reductions as well as continuing cuts are due now and will be approved in October. Only Police and indirect costs are exempt (also no custodians are included in the cuts). Retirees that have been rehired are coming in at going rate for their positions, not at 49% of their retiring salary.

Summer semester enrollment was down due to Pell Grant limits, but we brought in freshmen class early during summer semester to help offset this dip in enrollment.

Graduate enrollment is down despite strong undergraduate enrollment. Actual head count is about 500 or so below budget. However, we did have the largest freshman class to date. The coming summer budget is going to have to be reset down.

J. Rackcliff then took questions from the floor

Other business

J. Tillman announced that we need two additional staff council members to serve on the the sexual misconduct board. H. Johnson and L. Frierson volunteered.

A. Webb asked for volunteers for the benefits fair and noted that M. Stone will distribute the sign-up sheet electronically.

J. Tillman asked for any news business and hearing none, moved the meeting to be closed.