GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY
STAFF COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2012
Sinclair Suite, Student Center


Excused: Colleen Blanchard, Kevin Chappell, Chris Connelly, Lindsey Cravotta, Harley Granville, Casey Heath, Cheryl Jester-George, Pamela Lucas, John Medlock, Bryan Murray, Andrew Reisinger, Ednisha Riley

Absent: Deshod Amos, Regina Anderson, Shantay Bennett, John Brittian, La Tanya Frierson, Ladonna Pelt, Lisa Shepard, Amanda Stoll, Aileen Taylor, Alicia White, Gary Wilson, Lisa Zanders

Guests: None

Opening Business
Chair Jowanna Tillman called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

Minutes
Minutes from the September 19, 2012, meeting were approved.

General Business
J. Tillman shared important information for all representatives to share with constituents. 1. Appointments with benefits counselor very helpful and must use them to sign up for accident and whole life insurance. Can't sign up for these via the ADP portal. Counselors available thru 10/26 and you must have ADP log-in and pass word. Note that they won't know about mandatory TRS. Another item of note -- GSU dental plan greatly enhanced and you can get disability and life via Liberty Mutual.

Benefits fair is October 22 and volunteers have been assigned. Don’t forget to attend and spread the word to your constituents.

Office of Civic Engagement is hosting a Hunger and Homeless Week and has asked Staff Council to participant in canned food drive. Two additional service projects need help -- canned food drive at an upcoming basketball game and a food sort at the Atlanta Food Bank.
State charitable contribution campaign just kicked off on October 12. J. Tillman stated she doesn't know end date. Since the campaign went all electronic, GSU’s participation has gone down. J. Tillman asked for at least $1 from all staff as participation is emphasized over the contribution dollar amount.

November meeting has been moved to November 14 and will feature Kerry Heyward, university attorney, as speaker.

January meeting will feature President Becker and will occur during the Centennial kickoff. M. Gaunt suggested recognizing past chairs of Staff Council at this meeting as well.

J. Tillman asked if we wanted to have a holiday brunch and gave the possible date as December 7. Suggested holding as a recruitment breakfast to bring guests who might be interested.

Committee Reports

Community Relations is focused on the Benefits fair as they provide staffing.

Sustainability Committee is supporting green week beginning October 22. Also, committee just launched “Get caught green handed” initiatives in the Bookstore, Student Center and University Center. Initiative is open to all faculty, staff and students and prizes are awarded [tee shirts (12 given a month) and meals (3 per month)].

Work-Life Committee meeting cancelled. They are revamping goals due to budget concerns but still have long term goals on track, only short term affected.

Other business

J. Tillman asked for any news business and hearing none, moved the meeting to be closed at 3:30 p.m.