In Attendance:
Amber Amari, Regina Anderson, Shari Baskin, Shantay Bennett, Leslie Bishop, Colleen Blanchard, Jordan Cavallin, Kevin Chappell, Leslie Currah, Caroline Dotts, MaryAnne Gaunt, Charles Gilbreath, Santriesa Glover, Harley Granville, Jamie Hayes, Cynthia Hollaway-Owens, Cheryl Jester-George, Harvey Johnson, Raphael Johnson, Colleen Joyce, Nakisha McNeal, Candice Merritt, Kimberly Moore, Patricia Nolde, Traci Shelton, Karen Simmons, Amanda Stoll, Julie Stoverink, Aileen Taylor, Susan Vogtner, Anita Webb, Steven Whitfield, Shelly-Ann Williams, Michael Wyatt, Chris Connelly

Excused:
Ann Claycombe, LaTanya Frierson, Cynthia Martin, John Medlock, Stephen Rosner, Jowanna Tillman

Absent:
Kimberly Bass, Prenchelle Billue, Alicia Copeland, Robert Crowder, Shernai Dodson, Courtney DuBois, Tiffany Green-Abdullah, Nicolay Hammond, Miriam Jackson, Bonte Mitchell, Lindsey Moloney, Richard Morris, David Remington, Ednisha Riley, Christine Robinson, Leah Seupersad, Corrin Sorteberg, Chad Van Gorden, Sharon Ware, Alicia White

Guest:
Julie Kerlin, Legislative Affairs

Opening Business and Announcements:

- Chris Connelly called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm; the minutes from the January staff council meeting were not available for approval.
- Posters promoting the Staff Training and Travel funding (a joint effort of Human Resources and the Staff Council) were distributed; Mary Nell Stone will distribute a PDF version as well.
- Harley Granville reported that his committee has received no word from administration on the continuation of funding for the Staff Scholarship program; Jordan Cavallin volunteered to approach Walter Massey to get a definitive answer from the Alumni Foundation about any continued funding.
- Ethics training is once again available in the D2L portal; council member are encouraged to remind their constituents.
- The Office of Civic Engagement invited all present to attend an Open House in their new space in the University Center.
Guest Speaker Julie Kerlin, Legislative Affairs:

- Ms. Kerlin provided the council an update on the current legislative session, including the following:
- HB 875 has passed the House (expands gun carry permits, but does currently preserve school safety zones)
- HB 516 was tabled (allows those who opted out of the TRS system to explore return provide that all costs are paid)
- HB 788 was pulled for further refinement (allows exemption of tax exemption to private partners in University Housing)
- 2015 Budget passed the House with 7m in bonds for the School of Law project, and around 11m possibly available for salary increases (for the entire University System)
- Many questions and a lively discussion followed, particularly regarding HB 875 and HB 788

Staff Senate Elections:

Under the supervision of Cheryl Jester-George, the 2014 Staff Senate elections were held; after tabulation of results, the following staff members were elected to serve two-year terms:

1. Harley Granville
2. Kevin Chappell
3. Stephen Rosner

Adjournment:

The February Staff Council meeting was adjourned at 4:10pm

Recorded by Karen Simmons