Georgia State University
STAFF COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes: March 20, 2013


Excused: Prenchelle Billue, Leslie Bishop, David Caudill, Tiffany Green-Abdullah, Cynthia Hollaway-Owens, Cheryl Jester-George, Derrick Morse, Amanda Stoll,

Absent: Amber Amari, Regina Anderson, Shantay Bennett, Ann Claycombe, Lindsey Cravotta, LaTanya Frierson, Jamie Hayes, Ednisha Riley, Corrin Sorteberg, Alicia White,

Opening Business
Staff Council chair Jowanna Tillman called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes
Minutes from the February 20, 2013, meeting were approved.

Opening Remarks
Ms. Tillman welcomed all new and returning Staff Council members and guests to the organization’s first meeting of the 2013–14 council term.

Swearing in of Council Members
Kevin Chappell, chair of the Administrative Committee, led all new representatives in the council oath of office.

Officer Election
A slate of nominees for the four available Staff Council officer positions was announced to the group. As all of the nominees were unopposed, the council approved the following officer appointments by acclamation:

- Chair: Chris Connelly, Auxiliary and Support Services (Finance and Administration district)
- Vice Chair: Charles Gilbreath, Institutional Research (President/Provost district)
- Committees Director: Kevin Chappell, Facilities Management Services (Facilities district)
- Staff Relations Director: John Medlock, A&S Office of the Dean (College of Arts and Sciences district)
Ms. Tillman will continue as a council officer this year as Planning Director. She led the new officers in their oath of office.

**Committee Assignments**
Current Committees Director Susan Vogtner distributed forms for each member to identify committee preferences, which will be used to assign them to two committees each. Ms. Tillman informed the group that much of the work of the council is done by its standing committees and noted the importance of participating actively in assigned committees. Members had the opportunity to identify on the form if they wished to serve as a committee chair or vice chair as well.

**Staff Council Participation**
Ms. Tillman indicated that the meeting would be short since a separate orientation will be held for new council members in the next few weeks. A general retreat will be held on May 17 as well to provide an opportunity for developing annual goals for each council committee and the organization as a whole.

Ms. Tillman highlighted several advantages of serving as a Staff Council member. Many monthly council meetings include presentations from university administrators with opportunities for attendees to ask questions about university developments. Such activities, along with the networking opportunities that come from committee participation, can help members to gain an expanded understanding of university policies, procedures, and current activities. As a consequence, council members can help the larger university staff community stay informed by passing on information learned through council participation to constituents in their specific districts.

**Committee and Senate Reports**
Ms. Tillman indicated that neither FACP nor the Administrative Committee had met since the last council meeting. John Medlock reported that the Senate Admissions and Standards Committee met in the offices of the new University Advising Center in the 25 Park Place building. The group learned about the operations of the new unit, which will serve students in their freshman to junior years. There were no other committee reports.

**Closing**
The council members gave Ms. Tillman a round of applause for her service for the past two years as the organization’s chair. In return, she thanked the 2012–13 Board of Officers for their service to the council: Susan Vogtner (Committees Director), Amber Amari (Planning Director), Angela Go (Staff Relations Director), and Charles Gilbreath (Vice Chair).

Before the council adjourned, several new members stated their motivations for joining the council, including taking a leadership role, helping to enhance cross-university collaboration, and staying informed of university-wide developments.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

*Recorded by John Medlock, Staff Relations Director.*