

Georgia State University Staff Council

Meeting Minutes: July 15th 2015

Student Center, Sinclair Suite

In Attendance:

Sonda Abernathy, Shealyn Allman, Jennifer Asman, Latisha Barnes, Boyd Beckwith, Shantay Bennett, Kevin Chappell, Danielle Churchill, Wayne Clanton, Jeffrey Coleman, Alvin Cooley, Vennie Davidson, Cynthia Edwards, Kike Ehigiator, Charles Featherstone, Charles Gilbreath, Harley Granville, Lindsey Hornsby, Adila Hossain, Kenya Johnson, Erik Lauffer, Jerria McCoy, Carmen Newton, Andria Reddick, Keith Sumas, Emily Williams, Esther Yi

Excused:

Menetha Alston, Shari Baskin, Kimberly Bauer, Colleen Blanchard, Zduy Chu, Kendra Denmark, Jacob English, Adila Hossain, Gregory Howell, Colleen Joyce, Michelle Lacoss, Lisa Page, Christopher Robinson, Stephen Rosner, Korita Slaton, Salazec Spratling, Michell Temple, Jowanna Tillman, Teresa Ward, Anita Webb, Cynthia Wilson, Valerie Woods

Absent:

Christopher Almond, Amber Amari, Regina Anderson, Shantay Bennett, David Brown, Cheryl Copeland, Angela Crowder, Tonia Davis, Shernai Dodson, Quen'aldria Drake, Laurene Hamilton, Lindsey Hornsby, Lashonda Linton, Lareecia Mance, John Medlock, Patricia Nolde, Andria Reddick, Tawanna Tookes, Yolanda Travis, Dominique Waller, Shelly-Ann Williams

Business and Announcements:

- Charles Gilbreath called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm.

Senate Committee Reports:

- No reports given: Senate committees did not meet over summer.

Staff Council Committee Reports:

- Admin- Erik reported that the committee is awaiting draft of the new bylaws and will then call meeting within two weeks of receipt.
- Exec- Charles presented suggestions for speakers. Jim Weyhenmeyer (TBD) and Jerry Ratcliffe (Sept)
- Sustainability- Committee did meet for 90 minutes and toured the new sustainability office in 75 Piedmont. Two initiatives presented were a bike initiative and increasing the subsidy for MARTA. Additionally discussed were the Catch Green-Handed initiative, increasing marketing through communications, and the campus wide single-type recycling program is operational.
- Communications- Committee met. Discussed were the fall newsletter to staff and adding a question to the staff spotlight. Discussed was possibility of adding a staff person to homepage (invited HR/PR persons to attend next meeting). Discussed also was providing staff council materials to new hires at orientation.
- Community Relations: No Report
- Staff Development: Committee met. Determined focus of committee for the upcoming year and discussed Change Agents program.
- Staff Recognition: Committee met. Discussed working with communications for creative ways to recognize each other (blurbs, etc.) and polling other staff members and department websites. The committee produced their objectives for this year.

- Work/Life-Committee did not meet and will meet in August. Sonda discussed the Urban Life space allocations and ongoing renovation.

Consolidation Update:

- Charles Gilbreath gave the GSU/GPC Consolidation update. Organizational charts to President and only top level was released. Final Org chart released upon upper administration review. No job losses are anticipated and this is supported by prior consolidations. Charles noted SC member involvement with Charles, Erik, Jowanna, and Sonda working on consolidating the bylaws from both orgs into one document and Charles sending draft to admin council and SC for vote.

Adjournment:

Business having concluded, the July Staff Council meeting was adjourned at 3:45pm

Recorded by Dr. Harley Granville