

Staff Council Meeting

Meeting Minutes: November 16, 2016

Commerce Building, 34 Broad Street, Atlanta, GA 30303

In attendance: Sonda Abernathy*, Chris Almond, Ashley Apollon, Latisha Barnes, Kimberly Bauer, Boyd Beckwith*, Colleen Blanchard*, David Brown, D. Anthony Bush*, Janice Byrd, Danielle Churchill, Jeffrey Coleman, Cheryl Copeland, Emily Cowdrick*, Angela Crowder, Shernai Dodson*, Jennifer Ducksworth, Cynthia Edwards*, Marolyn Gentles*, Mark Harper, Jodie Harper, Yvette Hilaire*, Tammy Honore*, Kenya Johnson, William Jones, Colleen Joyce, Madara McCorkle*, Jerria McCoy*, Frances Mohr, Anna Moore-Johnson*, Carmen Newton*, Lannda Oden*, Martin Ross, Russell Seagren*, Lois Shelton*, Keith Sumas*, James Taylor, Michell Temple*, Teresa Ward, Charlene Watkins*, Anita Webb, Heath Wood*, Valerie Woods and Esther Yi*.

Excused: Jennifer Asman, Kashira Baker, Uzma Bhatti, Zduy Chu, Charmaine Daniels, Kike Ehigiator, Mark Eister, Jacob English, Charles Featherstone, Harley Granville, Erica Hart, Gregory Howell, Will Kerr, Erik Lauffer, Mary McLaughlin, John Medlock, Lisa Page, Christopher Robertson, Korita Slaton, Jowanna Tillman and Yolanda Travis.

Unexcused: Eric Aguiar, Menetha Alston, Amber Amari, Alfred Austin, Michael Carter, Wayne Clanton, Constance Collier-Mercado, Tonia Davis, Quen'naldria Drake, Joe Fernandes, Cynthia Gay, Denita Hampton, Bonita King, Justin Lilly, Lashonda Linton, Rene Mondy, Anna Pavlik, Lori Payne, Rodney Pegues, Adelaide Richardson, Denise Rixter, Jamar Simmons, Ariday Walkes, Tamar Wilkins, Shelly-Ann Williams, and Cynthia Wilson.

*Attended via Livestream.

Guests:

Cheryl Ransaw, Director of Employee Development and Wellness Services; David Talley, Wellness Program Administrator and Tony Price, Health & Wellness Coordinator

Teresa Ward, Staff Council Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 3 pm.

Special Presentation: Cheryl Ransaw, Director of Employee Development and Wellness Services; David Talley, Wellness Program Administrator and Tony Price, Health & Wellness Coordinator shared highlights of the employee development and wellness services available to employees including

- First Thursdays – a collaborative event with the nursing department.
- The Wellness Task Force meets routinely to implement the group's strategic plan, but the group always needs campus partners to grow.
- Walking paths at all campuses that will include inside, outside and mobility sensitive routes. This provides options especially when air quality is a concern as raised by one staff council member.
- Fun Fitness Fridays

The Staff Council's scheduled speaker, Robin Morris, has an unexpected conflict and could not present the university's strategic plan. The council will reschedule Mr. Morris' presentation at a later date.

Staff Council Committees:

1. Administrative Janice Byrd, chair of the Administrative Committee presented the following **new Staff Council members:**

Staff Senator – Perimeter District

Constance S. Collier-Mercado, Committee: Athletics and University Standards, Senate By-laws
Replacing Rejer Finklin

Staff Council – Police District

Eric Aguiar, Committee Assignment – TBD
Filled vacant seat

Staff Council – President/Provost District

Tamar C. Wilkins, Committee: Administrative Committee
Replacing G. Taylor Brooks

Staff Council – Libraries District

Denita Hampton, Committee: Community Relations Committee
Replacing Emily Williams

Staff Council – Arts and Sciences District

Ann M. Pavlik, Committee: Communication Committee
Replacing John Medlock

Staff Council – Perimeter District

Adelaide Richardson, Committee: Work-Life Committee
Replacing Natasha Simpson

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Jamar Simmons, Committee: Campus Sustainability Committee,
Replacing Jamie Turner

2. **Proposed change to the Staff Council Bylaws:** Article III, Section 1 Subsection B, Paragraph 9
Currently bylaws state:

9. Number of Representatives and Senators. There will be one representative for each fifty (50) staff members or portion thereof within a district. There are ten Staff Senators, two being the Council Chairs and Vice Chair.

Proposed change approved by the Executive Committee:

9. Number of Representatives and Senators. There will be one representative for each fifty (50) *full-time* staff members or portion thereof within a district. There are *fifteen (15)* Staff Senators, two being the Council Chairs and Vice Chair.

A vote by the Staff Council to approve this proposal will be held via email in the near future.

3. **2017 Staff Council Elections** will begin in early February.
 - o 36 staff council seats are rotating off the council
 - o 7 senate seats (two of which are chair and vice chair) are rotating off the council
 - o The number of staff council seats will be determined when the number of full-time employees in each district is determined on February 1, 2017.

- Executive – no report
- USG Council Report – no report
- Campus Sustainability – no report
- Communications
- Community Relations – no report
- 4. Staff Development and Advancement – no report
- 5. Staff Recognition – no report
- 6. Work-life – no report

Senate Committee Reports:

- Academic Programs – no report
- Admissions & Standards – no report
- Administrative Council
- Athletics – no report
- Budget-Teresa Ward
 - Big changes coming due to the Courtland Street Bridge construction to begin in Spring 2017
 - There will be limited access to some entrances and buildings
 - Sparks Hall, the Student Center and the G Deck will be impacted
 - Some departments will have to move
- CBSAC – no report
- Commencement – no report
- Cultural Diversity Research – no report
- FACP – did not meet
- Faculty Affairs – no report
- IS&T – no report
- Library – no report
- Planning & Development – no report
- Statutes and Bylaws – no report
- Student Life – no report
- Sustainability – no report

Announcements

- The Post Office and Paw Prints services will move to 72 Edgewood, the corner of Edgewood Avenue and Peachtree Center.
- There will be no December meeting.

Staff Council Vice-Chair, Teresa Ward, adjourned the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Fran Mohr
Staff Relations Director