

## **UNCG Staff Council December 8, 2005**

**Present:** Joella Anderson, Linda Anderson, Linda Bennett, Amy Berrier, Karen Christensen, Jennifer Clark, Pat Combs, Karen Core, Sarah Cottrell, Mary Early, Kathleen Mooney, Cheryl Sarratt, Trina Smith, Angela Scott, Paula Terrell, Glenn Vignola, Bill Zahn

**Alternates Present:** Jodi Barber, Erin Fox, Brenda Hemphill, Kerry Hinshaw, Amy Moore, Karen Ritter

**Ex-Officio Present:** Ronnette King

**Absent with Notice:** Lisa Benatti, Judy Lillis, Diane Logan, Sherri MacCheyne, Kelly Meris, Lee Odom, Maricia Terrell, Setenna Wyatt

**Absent:** Thomas Everett, Robin Kallam, Linda Nolte, Bob Snyder, Evan Wade, Scott Walser

**Visitors:** Deb Carley

**Roll Call:** The roll was passed. 16 members and 7 alternates were present.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Karen Christensen. Karen opened with reminders to sign up for the Fox8 Gifts for Kids and Friday December 9 will be the last day to bring in gifts for the foster children in Guilford County.

### **Human Resources Update – Deb Carley:**

Deb 's topic was – Adverse weather policies. If the Chancellor closes the University due to adverse weather conditions, the time will be recorded as administrative leave. The number to call for the University closing is- 4-4400, or check with your local TV and radio stations.

Deb also reminded us, the University will be closed on Friday, December 30. The University is closed, but it is not a holiday. Vacation, comp time, or leave without pay may be used.

A North Carolina Teacher's and State Employees' Medical Plan PPO Draft was passed out. They are currently working on having 2 different options. One change is the addition of Employee/Spouse premium. This option has not been available to employees before.

Another change is the Wellness benefits. There is no schedule on this yet. There are still many questions and gaps to fill in for the PPO plan.

Brenda Hemphill asked Deb whether there is there is a policy for Staff to take courses during work hours. At the present, it depends on the individual supervisor, if time can be taken off. Deb will discuss this with Alan Bridge and report back to Staff Council.

### **Chair report-Angie Scott-**

Angie gave out gift bags to everyone. The bags were "Survival Kits for the Holidays". She also shared the 7 stages of Life. They are: Spills- The Beginning Stage, Drills- the Learning Stage, Thrills- The Exciting Stage, Bills-Paying for the Thrills, Ills- The Growing Stage , Pills- The Remedy Stage, Wills, The last stage, Wills is to start thinking of the legacy that we would like to leave as Staff Council representatives. Angie encouraged people to be creative on the legacy they would like to leave.

Angie asked for volunteers to attend the Student Government meetings. They meet on Tuesday at 7:30 pm. We need to show the students we are interested in them.

Erin Fox has agreed to be the team captain for American Heart Walk for Staff Council. Last year, Staff Council was one of the top groups to raise money. Erin Fox gave out information for the Heart Walk. It will be on Saturday, June 10, 8:45am at the soccer field at Jaycee Park.

Eric Chilton will be the speaker for the Staff Council meeting on January 12. It will be published in Campus Weekly to encourage staff and faculty to also attend.

**Vice-Chair report – Karen Christensen:** Karen encouraged everyone to sign up for the Fox8 gifts for Kids. The directions sent by Fox8 were incorrect. The event will take place in the Salvation Army store at 301 W. Green Dr.

### **Committee Reports**

**Finance:** No report

**Public Relations:** No report

**Elections:** Ronnette King reported- The Capital Campaign has been working on a flyer to send out to staff. She asked Staff Council what the goal the Employee Enrichment Fund should be. Ronnette suggested the amount should be \$10,000. This amount was agreed upon. This is not an endowed fund, so the funds use are more flexible.

**Employee Enrichment:** The resume workshop is coming up next Tuesday on December 13. It will be held in the Career Service Center.

### **Outreach:**

- Pat Combs reported that the sign-up sheet for the Fox8 Gifts for Kids is on the table. There are still spots available.
- Flyers were given out for Celebrate the Children. The last day to collect gifts is Dec. 9. A table will be set up in EUC from 11:30 – 1:30 on Dec. 9. Karen Christensen and Cheryl Sarratt worked the table on December 6.
- Staff Stars are going well.

**Karen Christensen-** Wished everyone a Happy Holiday. She enjoyed being Vice-Chair this Fall.

There is a video conference tomorrow. Erskine Bowles will not be attending. Karen encouraged Staff Council members to attend.

Cheryl Sarratt explained what the video conference was. All 16 University Staff Councils are invited to attend. It will be held in the Stone Building.

Karen announced that Tommy will be stepping down from the UNC Staff Council. He will be retiring from the University. The new officers are: Ernie Patterson- Chair, David Brannigan – Vice Chair, Jane Majors- Treasurer, Brenda Denzler- Secretary.

### **Adjournment:**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, there was a second to the motion.

### **Next Meeting:**

The next Staff Council meeting will be held on January 12, in the Virginia Dare room in the Alumni House 10 am -12 noon

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Core