

UNCG Staff Council
May 11, 2006
Virginia Dare Room, Alumni House

Attending: Joella Anderson, Heather Azzu*, Jodi Barber, Linda Bennett, Amy Berrier, Jennifer Clark, Shannon Clegg*, Pat Combs, Sarah Cottrell, Erin Fox, Brenda Hemphill, Davis Lee*, Judy Lillis, Sherri MacCheyne, Kevin McClain*, Scott Milman*, Amy Moore, Lee Odom, Cheryl Sarratt, Angela Scott, Maricia Terrell, Suzanne Williams*, Setenna Wyatt

**Newly elected for 2006-2008*

Ex-Officio attending: Deb Hurley

Absent with notice: Linda Anderson, Lisa Benatti, Karen Christensen, Karen Core, Mary Early, Kelly Meris, Trina Smith, Paula Terrell, Evan Wade

Absent: Thomas Everett, Kerry Hinshaw, Robin Kallam, Diane Logan, Kathleen Mooney, Linda Nolte, Trina Smith, Bob Snyder, Glenn Vignola, Scott Walser, Cindy Webster, Bill Zahn

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Angela Scott.

Roll Call

The roll was passed. There were 17 members, 6 newly elected members, and 1 ex-officio member present.

Minutes of the April 2006 Meeting

The minutes of the April 13 meeting were approved with three corrections.

HRS Update

Deb Carley reminded Staff Council members about the open enrollment from May 22 - June 30 for the State Health Plan Preferred Provider Organization. Advantages to the new plan include most physician office visits not being subject to deductibles and co-pays, an option for self/spouse coverage without paying for full family coverage, reduced premiums for dependents, and more extensive wellness benefits. In answer to questions from the group, Deb stated that NC Smart Choice (middle) option was the best plan for most staff. The NCSC Plus option works well for those who anticipate higher than usual medical expenses for the coming year but is more expensive for the employee, while the NCSC Basic plan provides the least coverage. Staff members who do not enroll in one of the new PPO options will automatically remain on the current State Health plan.

Deb also told the group to expect more information at the June meeting about PeopleAdmin, a new electronic system for applying for positions at the University, and more information about salary increases after the Legislature has met.

Web Accessibility Update

Kevin McClain, Web and Technology Coordinator in the Division of Student Affairs and Chair of UNCG's Web Accessibility Coordinators, gave a presentation about compliance with newly developed Unit Web Site Requirements (UWSR) which will give a consistent look to all UNCG websites and comply with accessibility laws for the disabled. Deadline for compliance

is August 1, 2006. For additional information about Unit Web Site Requirements see:
<http://www.uncg.edu/woc/uwst/>

A University Web Developers Group (UWDG) has been formed on campus to help build a community of education and support for staff who are charged with developing or maintaining web sites for their units. A monthly round table meeting allows members to get together for information sharing and problem solving. A combination of classroom and online workshops are offered in the Teaching and Learning Center for those interested in earning a Web 3 certificate of proficiency. More information about UWDG can be found at
<http://www.uncg.edu/staff.groups/uwdg/>

Kevin, a newly-elected Staff Council member for 2006-2008, can be reached at 334-4850 or at Kevin_mcclain@uncg.edu for additional information about web site management at UNCG.

Group Activity

Angela Scott introduced SC Member Erin Fox who presented quilt squares for 2005-2006 Staff Council members to sign. She will join the blocks with fabrics in UNCG colors to create a "Legacy Quilt" which will be displayed in the connector between Elliott University Center and Jackson Library. The quilt celebrates the eighth year of Staff Council's existence. Look for it in coming months!

Erin is also chair of the Staff Council Heart/Stroke Walk team and reminded members about the upcoming annual event on June 10 at Country Park. Additional walkers are welcome, as well as sponsoring contributions. Contact Erin at ekfox@uncg.edu.

Committee Updates

Elections – Deb Hurley

Deb thanked members of the Elections Committee for their work in preparing and counting ballots. On April 20, newly elected and continuing delegates met to elect officers. David Vaughan was elected as Staff Council Chair for 2006-2007 and Suzanne Williams is Co-Chair/Chair Elect for 2007-2008. Cheryl Sarratt will serve as Secretary. Deb stated that she and Elections Co-Chair Mike Byers were confident the new executive officers will reflect both previous experience with Staff Council and new ideas. She encouraged members to read the Staff Council Constitution carefully as we begin a new year for the organization.

Employee Enrichment – Brenda Hemphill/Amy Moore

Brenda reported the committee still plans to meet with Alan Bridge in early June about plans for the coming year.

Finance – Karen Core

No report. Karen is on a mission trip for several weeks.

Outreach – Pat Combs/Lee Odom

Lee reported that Mary Culkin and Patty Booker were each awarded Staff Excellence Awards at Excellence Day on May 3. Lee noted that the Chancellor had expressed disappointment that the attendance of staff, especially Staff Council members, at the event was so small. Lee stated that Staff Council need to support the awards for which we are responsible. The group then discussed ways to promote better attendance next year and agreed that the next year's event on May 2, 2007 would be listed with our schedule of meetings on our website and in new Staff

Council Members' notebooks, and attendance would be more strongly encouraged by the Executive Committee in the future.

Public Relations – Cheryl Sarratt

The committee had no report from meeting, but agreed to help distribute posters for the upcoming Dale Henry presentation on May 26.

Chair Update

Angela Scott reported that 14 staff participated in the Mini-Rape Aggression Defense Training on April 25 and experienced a great afternoon of training and information. A more extensive four-evening training program is also available. Contact Rose Smith-Marsh (334-5403) for additional information.

Angela also noted that, as of May 9th, the Chancellor has approved a Staff Council Constitutional Amendment to change the name of the Staff Excellence Awards to “University Staff Excellence Awards”. Cheryl Sarratt agreed to post the change in the Constitution that will be distributed on the website and to members in July. Discussion about changing the Bullard nomination process has been tabled for the time being.

Dr. Dale Henry, noted speaker, author and humorist, will give two back-to-back presentations on Teamwork and Service to UNCG staff on Friday, May 26 at 8:30 am and at 10:45 am in the EUC Auditorium. The event is co-sponsored by the Division of Enrollment Services and Staff Council. Suzanne Williams is coordinating the event and could use volunteers to staff the product table at the two sessions. Angela noted that 20% of proceeds for Dr. Henry's DVDs, audiotapes, and books will be donated to the Staff Council Scholarship.

Angela reminded the group about an opportunity for Staff Council members to order portfolio bags from WearYours for \$13.06 if they needed a convenient way to carry items to Staff Council meetings.

In conclusion, Angela reminded the group to support the AHA Heart/Stroke Walk on June 10th and to plan to attend the next Staff Council meeting and Annual Luncheon on June 8 (see details below).

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 am.

Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Sarratt, for Karen Core.

Next meeting: Thursday, June 8 at 10:00am in the Virginia Dare Room. All newly elected members for 2006-07 are invited to attend this meeting, along with continuing and retiring delegates. Lunch tickets will be distributed for the CAF and members will return to the Virginia Dare Room for lunch and fellowship.