

UNCG Staff Council
October 13, 2005

Present: Joella Anderson, Linda Anderson, Linda Bennett, Amy Berrier, Karen Christensen, Jennifer Clark, Pat Combs, Karen Core, Sarah Cottrell, Mary Early, Judy Lillis, Kathleen Mooney, Lee Odom, Cheryl Sarratt, Angela Scott, Marcia Terrell, Paula Terrell, Cindy Webster, Bill Zahn

Alternates Present: Lisa Benatti, Erin Fox, Kerry Hinshaw, Diane Logan, Kelly Meris, Amy Moore, Karen Ritter, Scott Walser

Ex-Officio Present: Ronnette King, Sharlene O'Neil

Absent with Notice: Brenda Hemphill, Trina Smith, Glenn Vignola, Evan Wade

Absent: Jodi Barber, Thomas Everett, Robin Kallam, Sherri Maccheyne, Linda Nolte, Karen Ritter, Lillie Russell, Bob Snyder

Visitors: Kathy Busch

Roll Call: The roll was passed. 19 members and 8 alternates were present.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Karen Christensen

Minutes of the August Meeting: A motion to approve the minutes was made by Bill Zahn, Diane Logan and Joella Anderson seconded the motion.

Chancellor Sullivan: Chancellor Sullivan congratulated Staff Council for the good work we are doing.

Chancellor Sullivan reported the SECC is off to an outstanding start. To date, the University has had 68% participation. The targeted goal this year is \$185,000.00. Last year UNCG raised over \$200,000.00. She hopes we can raise this amount again this year.

Chancellor Sullivan reported on the appointment of Erskine Bowles as the new UNC President. He is a Greensboro native and received an honorary degree from UNCG. He will be visiting all of the 16- System campuses before his position begins on January 1, 2006. He will be visiting UNCG on November 4, 2005. Chancellor Sullivan would like for Staff Council to meet with him. He brings a wonderful perspective of public awareness. He served in the Clinton Administration as Director of Business Administration, as Deputy White House Chief of Staff, and White House Chief of Staff. He also founded the Carousel Capital bank in Charlotte. At the end of Governor Hunts last term, Bowles was the Chair of the World Prosperity Task Force. He brought internet service to the eastern part of the state, which helped the businesses in that area. He has emphasized the importance of Community Colleges. He is a person people can easily relate to. He is a forceful advocate for education.

Chancellor Sullivan encouraged all staff to attend the Staff Appreciation Day award ceremony and the Fall'n For Fun Fest on October 28. There will be different vendors at the Fall'n For Fun Fest and also different university departments to set up tables at the event.

All of the construction projects are progressing. The dedication for the softball field will take place in the early spring.

The progress on the Health Center is going well. They are building the medical wing of the Health Center, which will include immunization, laboratory, radiology, pharmacy, counseling and testing center and a wellness center. Construction will be finished in about one year. UNCG employees will be able to get a free flue vaccine. The vaccine will be offered to the high risk groups. Employees can also purchase some prescription drugs from the Health Center. Sometimes the prescriptions would be at a lower cost. Employees would still pay the co-pay for the prescriptions. The Health Center also offers over-the-counter drugs for sale.

The Hall for Humanities and Research Administration is a beautiful building. All offices are located on the outside and all classrooms are located on the inside. Chancellor Sullivan encouraged Staff Council to go to the Facilities Design & Construction website to take a virtual tour online of the Studio Arts building. The studios are in the core of the building. This building has the best type of lighting for working in the arts. It also has proper ventilation for the students and professors working with fumes. The main entrance will face Highland Avenue. It is in the former site of the Park Gym.

The Jackson Library connector will be complete in December. It will provide handicap access from Jackson Library to the Elliott University Center.

Aycock Auditorium will close at the end of the academic year. It will remain closed for approximately one year. Aycock will receive new seats and the existing frames will be restored. There will be a Name-A-Seat Campaign. A total of 1,644 seats will be available to be named. 1 seat is \$1,500 and 2 or more seats are \$2,500. A special donor wall will be constructed for the plaques.

Chancellor Sullivan stressed the importance of Staff Council and Faculty Senate working together. One item that has been discussed in the Faculty Senate is shortening the Academic Calendar.

The budget has not been approved by the Board of Governors. They will be meeting next week. When approved, the Chancellor will have it published.

Student First Campaign: Michelle Schneider gave a presentation for the UNCG Students First Campaign. She gave the members of Staff Council a brochure outlining the Monetary goals of the Campaign. Phase 1 is to take place from 2004-2009. The goal for this phase is to raise \$78.2 million, with more than 70% of the goal to be used for endowed funding. The phase 2 goal is to raise \$63.55 million, with \$27.2 million to be used as an endowment. The grand total for both phases is \$141.75 million. The goal is to support students first, then attracting and retaining excellent faculty, building an exceptional learning environment and creating economic impact through research and service. To date, more than \$38.3 million has been raised.

The campaign is to go to the campus itself to provide funds, then, go to the public for solicitation of funds.

The kick off will be in February and wrap up in May. Angie Scott and Ronnette King are on this committee.

Ronnette King presented information concerning a scholarship for staff employees. Other institutions offer the staff employees and/or dependents scholarships. Currently, UNCG offers an ELF fund (Emergency Loan Fund) and tuition reimbursement for employees. (Employees may take 2 courses per year).

Ronnette explained the steps in creating a scholarship fund for staff. \$25,000 would be raised first to become endowed. Then, the money would sit for a year. The next year scholarships would be awarded from the interest earned.

Leslie Veach: Spoke of volunteer opportunities. She thanked Staff Council for the service we have provided so far. Leslie's office is the central point for communication regarding efforts for Hurricane Katrina & Rita. Her website is: <http://service.uncg.edu/Katrinia/> She requested that all employees let her office know of all volunteer efforts the campus has made. Her office is planning a trip to the Gulf Coast region. They are looking at Spring Break as a possibility to go. Community Involvement Leave may be used for the trip. A sign-up sheet was passed around for those interested in going on the trip to the Gulf Coast.

Angie Scott: Reported on the meeting with Molly Broad. All of the Chairs from the 16 state Universities meet to share ideas. They discussed different ways to encourage staff. One University has a book loan program. Any staff employee taking a course, may borrow a test book for the class, and return it at the end of the semester.

The Chairs discussed, instead of looking at what we don't have for state employees, look at what we can do for state employees.

The Chairs would like to meet with incoming President Erskine Bowles. They would like to discuss the unification of all of the 16 Staff Councils.

Angie suggested everyone on Staff Council, at some point, attend the video conference. They take place on the 2nd Friday of the month at the Stone Building.

Karen Christensen: Discussed the dinner planned for Staff Council members at GTCC. The dinner will be held on December 1. The cost is \$7.50 and the money must be turned in by Nov. 21. The dinner will be a buffet, with an American Food theme.

Karen also stated, there is a sign-up sheet for Staff Council to sign up to host the table that will be set up at the Fall'n For Fun Fest. Cheryl Sarratt confirmed the Staff Council brochure will be ready for the event.

Karen also stated if anyone is interested, pictures have been posted on the SECC website. The pictures are of the kick-off that took place in the Cone Ballroom.

Cheryl Sarratt: Attended the Faculty Senate meeting on October 28. Topics of discussion included remarks by the Provost on plans for UNCG to go "wireless" during 2006-2007, an updated presentation by the Office of Auxiliary Services on transportation planning for the UNCG campus, and promotion and tenure guidelines for faculty.

In addition, Dr. Paul Duval, member of the UNCG delegation to the UNC System Faculty Assembly, reported that the Assembly had been updated on the search for a new

UNC System President. The Assembly has also created a task force to look at giving individual UNC campuses more flexibility in setting tuition, and is considering whether a policy on textbook selection needs to be developed to help hold down costs for students.

Committee Updates:

Finance: Karen Core reported there is no change in the Staff Council accounts

Public Relations: Cheryl Sarratt reported the brochure has been discussed.

Employee Enrichment: Amy Moore stated they are planning to offer a workshop on how to improve your resume. Jodi Barber in the Career Service Center is helping to set this up.

Outreach: Pat Combs reported that this committee is divided into different sub-committees. The Staff Excellence group will have its first meeting in January. Another sub-committee is Staff Stars. Staff Stars is awarded to a staff member “caught in the act of caring” One person will be highlighted a month. They will try to have it published in Campus Weekly.

Diane Logan reported that the Volunteer sub-committee has partnered with the Animal Rescue and Foster Program. They are asking UNCG employees to donate books to use at their upcoming book sale on Nov. 11 & 12. There will be drop boxes at different locations on campus. An article will also be submitted to Campus Weekly stating the location of the drop boxes.

Karen Core reported a group from Staff Council will be going to see “Star Spangled Girls at the Greensboro Historical Museum on Nov. 11 at 8 pm. The event is free. A sign-up sheet will be provided for anyone interested in going.

Adjournment:

Bill Zahn made a motion to adjourn.

Diane Logan 2nd the motion.

Next Meeting:

The next Staff Council meeting will be held on December 8, in the Virginia Dare room in the Alumni House 10 am -12 noon

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Core