

**UNCG Staff Senate  
August 9, 2007 Minutes  
416 Bryan Building**

**Roll Call**

Thirty-five delegates and one guest was present.

*Attending:* (35) Peter Ashe, Heather Azzu, Kevin Bullard, Ray Carney, Shannon Burks Clegg, Annette Cline, Stogie Davis, Mary Early, Kelly Elliott, Trina Gabriel, Joyce Graves, Michelle Griffin, Judy Guard, Janet Hendley, Sharon Humphrey, Ben Kunka, Michelle Larsen, Davis Lee, Diane Logan, Todd Mitchell, Amy Moore, Steve Moore, Ann Perdue, Dean Perdue, Jennie Prince, Cathy Rogers, Cathy Rothermel, Donna Sexton, Amelia Smith, Paula Terrell, Connie Uselman, David Vaughan, Scott Walser, Mitzi Wilder, Mike Williams, Suzanne Williams, Sheryl Williamson, Lori Wright.

*Absent with notice:* (8) Linda Bennett, Patty Booker, Pamela Harrod, Kevin McClain, Scott Milman, Kathleen Mooney, Cindy Van Laar, Kathy Watford,

*Absent:* (2) Erick Gardner, Meredith Walther.

*Guests Attending:* (2) Sharlene O'Neil, Benita Peace

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Suzanne Williams at 10:00 a.m. Senators were reminded to share information with their constituents. Shannon Burks Clegg, Joyce Graves, Sharon Humphrey, and Donna Sexton requested a list of their constituents.

**Minutes**

Amy Moore presented minutes of the July 12 meeting. Kelley Elliott noted a few minor corrections. Ann Perdue moved to approve the minutes as amended and David Vaughan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Human Resource Update – Benita Peace**

Changes to the healthcare plan were discussed and a comparison chart was distributed showing an 11.2% increase in dependent coverage. A special open enrollment period begins August 7 and ends September 14 with an effective date of October 1. Information sessions will be scheduled soon. Enrollment packages will be mailed to employees' homes. The relationship between Moses Health Care and Blue Cross Blue Shield also was discussed. The SPA legislative pay increase, retroactive to July, will be included in August paychecks. New healthcare costs will be reflected in September paychecks.

**Provost's Office Update – David Vaughan**

David Vaughan reported that EPA salary increases are being determined by each unit and increased will likely be reflected in September paychecks.

He also reported several special legislative allocations to UNCG:

- \$1.4 million for operations of the Joint School of Nano Science (JSNN) located at the South Campus of the Gateway University Research Park
- \$58 million to design and construct a building at the South Campus of the Gateway University Research Park
- \$2.5 million to plan a new classroom and office building to be constructed where the Bryan School parking lot is currently located
- \$8 million to the Board of Governors for the NC Research Campus in Kannapolis; UNCG has Nutrition program at Kannapolis and will receive an allocation from the Board for this.

#### **Chancellor's Office Update – Sharlene O'Neil**

All UNC system campuses will share the burden of a \$15 million budget cut. We do have the discretion to take the cut from wherever we can. Our portion will likely be \$1 million.

The Chancellor's state of the campus address and opening convocation is scheduled Wednesday, August 15 at 9:30 am in Cone Ballroom, followed by a community lunch in the main dining hall 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

#### **State Employees Association of North Carolina (SEANC) – Steve Lawson**

Regarding the recent salary increase, SPA employees were originally expected to receive 2% plus a one time \$400 bonus. Several registered lobbyists, including SEANC representatives, worked with the legislature to secure a 4% increase. Regarding healthcare, premiums will likely continue to increase and/or benefits will likely continue to decrease until healthcare reform can be instituted nationally. Regarding retirement, 6% of our salary is currently allocated for retirement. The state used to contribute 2.66% but have raised their contribution rate to 3.05%. One long term goal of SEANC is to secure funding to replace the money borrowed from our retirement fund by the governor to balance the state budget two years ago. Additional SEANC information was made available after the meeting.

#### **UNC Staff Assembly Update – Suzanne Williams**

The fall meeting will be held September 25 – 26. Suzanne Williams, David Vaughan, Scott Milman and Ray Carney will attend.

#### **Service Opportunities – Diane Logan**

- Residential student move-in help is needed Wednesday, August 15 - Saturday, August 18.
- **Fall Fest**, UNCG's annual homecoming and family weekend celebration, will be held Friday, September 28 - Saturday, September 29.
- **Fallin' for Fun Fest (F4)**, an annual staff appreciation event sponsored by Human Resource Services, will be held Friday, October 19.
- Books will be collected this fall for a book drive to benefit an animal rescue and foster program.

#### **News and Announcements**

- Kevin McClain may need a leave of absence from Staff Senate due to a family medical emergency. During this time, the communications committee may need an interim chair.

- Michele Lawson is scheduled to undergo surgery this fall. Anyone able to donate voluntary shared leave to Michelle is asked to contact Human Resource Services.

Academic Affairs

- Angie Scott is retiring in August.
- Everyone is encouraged to attend the August 15 convocation activities, including the Provost's address.

Business Affairs

- The new RA parking permits are selling quickly.
- HEAT information and bus schedules are available in the Parking Operations and Campus Access Management office inside the Walker Avenue Parking Deck.
- Register online for Pcard training for travel.

Student Affairs

- The Office of Student Life (OSL) is now two separate offices: the Office of Student Activities and Programs and the Elliot University Center & Aycock Auditorium staff.

University Advancement

- The internal goal for the capital campaign (\$80 million by June 30) has been met!

Chancellor's Staff

- Everyone is encouraged to attend the August 15 convocation activities, including the community luncheon.

**Other Business**

A group photo was taken, followed by committee break out sessions. Committees were asked to refer to the Staff Senate goals and objectives to develop committee priorities and action plans.

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Moore, Secretary.

**CALENDAR REMINDERS**

**Next Meeting: Thursday, September 13 at 10:00 a.m. in room 416 Bryan Building.**

The September meeting will include an address from Kathy Crowe, Chair of the Faculty Senate.

Wed	9/12/2007	6pm-8pm	Provost's Residence	Faculty Senate & Staff Senate Reception
Wed	9/19/2007	3pm-5pm	EUC Alexander	Campus Safety & Security Forum
Thu	10/11/2007	10am-Noon	EUC Maple	"UNCG Cares" Training
Fri	10/19/2007	10am-2pm	EUC	Fallin' for Fun Fest