

**UNCG Staff Senate
April 10, 2008 Minutes
EUC Kirkland Room**

Roll Call

Thirty-two delegates and fourteen guests were present.

Attending: (32) Patty Booker, Kevin Bullard, Stogie Davis, Janet Dunbar, Mary Early, Michelle Griffin, Pamela Harrod, Sharon Humphrey, Diane Logan, Kevin McClain, Gay McDonald, Liz Meeks, Scott Milman, Todd Mitchell, Kathleen Mooney, Amy Moore, Ann Perdue, Dean Perdue, Cathy Rogers, Cathy Rothermel, Donna Sexton, Amelia Smith, Paula Terrell, Connie Uselman, David Vaughan, Scott Walser, Meredith Walther, Mike Williams, Suzanne Williams, Sheryl Williamson, Brian Wilson, and Lori Wright.

Ex-officio: None in attendance

Absent with notice: (6) Heather Azzu, Joyce Graves, Judy Guard, Ben Kunka, Jennie Prince, Kathy Watford

Absent: (9) Peter Ashe, Linda Bennett, Ray Carney, Kelly Elliot, Janet Hendley, Davis Lee, Lloyd Norman, Cindy Van Laar, Mitzi Wilder

Guests: (15+) JC Boykin, Lois Carney, Jeffrey Coleman, Jeffrey Collis, Joe Dixon, Shelley Ewing, Connie Harman, Lee Knight, Dale Koutsky, Teresa Lewis, Jenny Olson, Katie Ostrowka, Debbie Reynolds, Libby Sexton, Karen Ward and others whose names were not recorded.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Suzanne Williams at 10:00 a.m. Newly elected senators were welcomed, along with several other guests.

Minutes

Amy Moore presented minutes of the March 13, 2008 meeting. Paula Terrell moved to approve the minutes as recorded and Scott Milman seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ex-Officio Reports

No ex-officio were present. [Sharlene O'Neil was next door at the Board of Trustees meeting. Alan Boyette was in China. Alan Bridge emailed that he had no report this month but expects to address the senate next month with a legislative update.]

Announcements by the Chair

Please plan to join President Bowles and the Board of Trustees as they honor Chancellor Sullivan today at 3 pm outside the science building.

Alan Boyette and Ann Lemmon will facilitate an HR Task Force Forum Tuesday, April 29th at 2pm in the EUC Maple Room.

Other Dates to Remember:

- April 14 – Reality Bites at 12 noon in Bryan 416. This is the final session of a three part brown bag series hosted the by Employee Enrichment Committee. [Note: this program was postponed due to illness. Hopefully it will be rescheduled soon.]
- April 18 – Administrative Personnel Conference; contact Connie Uselman.
- April 18 – Relay for Life. UNCG has raised \$9700+ with 373 participants. Paula Terrell’s Staff Senate team has raised \$150 to date with 3 participants.
- April 26 – Triad MS Walk; contact Amy Berrier.
- May 3 – Susan G. Komen Walk. Lee Odom’s team has raised \$200 to date.
- May 7 – Excellence Day Awards at 4pm in the EUC Auditorium.
- May 8 – Next Staff Senate meeting at 10am in Bryan 416.
- May 16 – Commencement. Please contact Karen Haywood to volunteer.
- May 22 – NC General Assembly representatives will be at A&T. Staff are encouraged to use this opportunity to thank legislators for their support of higher education and UNCG. If you would like more information, please contact Suzanne Williams.
- May 31 – Guilford Heart and Stroke Walk; contact Sharon Humphrey.
- June 3 –Staff Senate end of year luncheon by invitation only; RSVP required.

Guest Speaker – JC Boykin, UNC Staff Assembly

Suzanne Williams introduced JC Boykin, Chair of the UNC Staff Assembly. He is currently visiting constituent campus organizations to share information and gain feedback. He has been employed at NC State University for 16 years and this is his second year as Chair of the UNC Staff Assembly. The first part of his presentation dealt with the UNC Staff Assembly and its evolution and function. JC has monthly meetings with President Bowles to discuss staff issues including PACE initiatives, UNC Tomorrow, and the HR Task Force. He then spoke about the HR Task Force and shared that staff were well represented with 5 members on the committee of 20; more than other constituency group. The legislature is scheduled to convene May 13 and plan to be done with their short session by July 15. Questions were asked about the State Employees Association of North Carolina (SEANC) and their lawsuit against gubernatorial candidate Richard Moore as well as their negotiations with the Service Employees International Union (SEIU). JC explained that the lawsuit was about insurance issues and SEIU negotiations were in preparation for the possibility that the legislature might someday repeal the ban on collective bargaining by state employees. Please see the attached PowerPoint presentations for more information about the UNC Staff Assembly and the HR Task Force.

Officer Elections

David Vaughan as chair of the elections committee formally placed the following names on the table for nomination as the 2008-09 officers:

Kevin Bullard – Chair elect
Judy Guard – Secretary

Both nominations were approved unanimously.

Committee Reports

Communications – Kevin McLain

Suzanne Williams thanked the committee for their excellent work this year, notably the publication of multiple newsletters and special publicity efforts for the Fit for Service series.

Elections Committee – David Vaughan

David Vaughan thanked Scott Milman, Kathleen Mooney and Scott Walser who coordinated electronic voting during the recent elections. The committee is pleased we have a full complement for Staff Senate next year and a strong Executive Committee in place.

Employee Enrichment Committee – Mary Early

Mary Early reminded everyone about the final Fit for Service session. She thanked everyone for their support of the series and shared that participation during the first two sessions was phenomenal; standing room only in Bryan 416. Mary also encouraged everyone to support the Staff Senate funds and to look for their Development campaign solicitation letter in campus mail.

Employee Recognition Committee – Sheryl Williamson for Jennie Prince

The Employee Recognition Committee is overseeing the University Staff Excellence Awards process. Eighteen individuals were nominated and winners will be announced during the Excellence Day Awards Convocation Wednesday, May 7th beginning at 4pm in the EUC Auditorium. Nominations will be shared with Deb Carley and the Bullard Award committee. Suzanne Williams thanked Sheryl Williamson for coordinating the display of the Staff Legacy Quilt in the EUC/library connector.

Service Committee

Staff are encouraged to contact Karen Haywood to help with Commencement Friday, May 16th. Staff also are encouraged to contact Kim Sousa Peoples to help with Spartan Orientation Advising and Registration (SOAR) this summer. Additional information was shared regarding spring community service opportunities.

Old Business

Request from Graduate School Association

Discussion continued regarding the request by the Graduate Student Association for representation on Staff Senate. Ann Perdue moved that the Staff Senate consider adding an ex-officio seat for the Graduate Student Association President or his/her designee. Cindy Van Laar seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously. Because this motion would require an amendment to our bylaws, it will stand for 30 days and then be voted upon in May.

News and Announcements

Suzanne Williams asked all staff present to provide feedback about how things went this year and to explain why was Staff Senate is (or is not) relevant. She also asked committee chairs to submit their preliminary end of year reports. April 30th is the target date for both items.

Kevin Bullard reported that ITS is in the process of updating and refreshing the wireless system across campus. With the new set-up, you will only have to log in one time.

Donna Sexton reported that University Advancement is well on their way to meeting their goals for the campaign.

Sharon Humphrey shared that there will be a campus wide reception to honor Chancellor Sullivan on May 13 from 3-6 pm in the Cone Ballroom. Her retirement date is July 31.

Suzanne Williams reported that the Chancellor search is on target with candidate's interview scheduling in process.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Moore, Secretary.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, May 8, 2008

10am-Noon

416 Bryan

Guests: Debbie Schallock and Helen Dennison Hebert

Topic: University Marketing Plan Update