

**UNCG Staff Senate
January 8, 2009 Minutes
Bryan 416**

Roll Call

43 senators and 1 ex-officio were present.

Attending: (43) Patty Booker, Jonathan Britton, Kevin Bullard, Lois Carney, Ray Carney, Mark Coker, Jeffrey Coleman, Janet Dunbar, Shelley Ewing, Judy Guard, Connie Harman, Janet Hendley, Sharon Humphrey, Brad Johnson, Julee Johnson, Felicia Joyner, April Judge, Lee Knight, Dale Koutsky, Ben Kunka, Teresa Lewis, Gay McDonald, Liz Meeks, Scott Milman, Todd Mitchell, Jennifer Oleson, Katie Ostrowka, Ann Perdue, Dean Perdue, Debbie Reynolds, Cathy Rothermel, Donna Sexton, Libby Sexton, Judy Smith, Amelia Smith, Rhonda Strader, Connie Uselman, Cindy Van Laar, Karen Ward, Kathy Watford, Suzanne Williams, Sheryl Williamson, Brian Wilson

Ex-officio: Matt Burke

Absent with notice: (2) Amy Moore, Cathy Rogers

Absent: (3) Peter Ashe, Joe Dixon, Stacy Kosciak

Guests: (0)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Scott Milman at 10:05 a.m.

Minutes

Kevin Bullard presented the December 4 minutes for approval. Ann Perdue made a motion to approve, Ray Carney seconded the motion. The motion passed and the minutes were approved.

Agenda

Kevin Bullard presented the proposed agenda for the meeting. Sheryl Williamson made a motion to approve the agenda, and Ann Perdue seconded the motion. The motion passed and the agenda was approved.

Opening Remarks

Scott Milman welcomed senators back to the Spring Semester. Scott acknowledged our challenges this semester with the state of the economy and lack of state revenue. He received an email from the Chancellor regarding the budget situation wherein she encouraged us to look at ways to save within the University. Scott would like us to go the PACE website to review what is there and to talk with our constituents about ways we could save money within the University. The good news is that the university administration has been good in planning for this year and we will be able to make the necessary budget cuts. The Chancellor has expressed confidence in the staff getting through these difficult times.

Update of UNCG Strategic Planning – Scott Milman

The committee that is drafting the UNCG Strategic Plan is almost finished with the first draft. There will be three drafts before the final version is written.

Scott asked Kevin Bullard, a member of the Strategic Planning Committee, to elaborate on what the Strategic Plan is used for. Before the winter break, the entire Strategic Planning Committee met and looked at the strategic areas: Access/Student Success, Health & Wellness, Education and Leadership, Economy, Culture, and Community Engagement, and Globalization.

The committee divided into subcommittees, and each value workgroup (inclusiveness, transparency, sustainability, collaboration, and responsibility) visited with each strategic area workgroup to ensure all values were represented in value statements and goals. Metrics will be developed for each goal determined by the strategic area workgroups.

Opportunities for feedback on the Strategic Plan – Timeline

- **First Draft – Jan 27-Feb 6**
The Staff Senate Executive Committee will receive the first draft via email to review.
- **Second Draft – Feb 11 – Feb 22**
Rebecca Adams will attend the Staff Senate meeting on Feb 12 to present the second draft. Staff Senate will co-sponsor a forum with the Faculty Senate on Feb 11 open to all staff.
- **Third Draft – Mar 4 – Mar 14**
This draft will be available to review on the web. Rebecca Adams will come to the Staff Senate meeting on Mar 12 to solicit feedback.
- **Final Draft – Apr 1 – Apr 29**
Rebecca Adams will be seeking the Staff Senate endorsement of the final draft at the Apr 9 Staff Senate meeting. Sometime in the fall of 2009 she will come back to the Staff Senate to present the final plan.

Ex-Officio Reports

There were no Ex-Officio reports.

The Staff Senate welcomed Matt Burke, a graduate student in the Educational Research program. He is the designee on the Staff Senate for the Graduate Student Association.

Committee Reports

Elections – Suzanne Williams

- Elections will be held in mid-March.
- Nominations will begin in January and go through February.
- We will use both electronic and paper ballots.

Communications – Donna Sexton

- The Communications Committee will be meeting soon.

- Donna informed the senate that the Chancellor met with the Staff Senate Executive Committee in December and one of the topics talked about was the Blue and Gold Day, and how to build up school spirit at UNCG.
- Donna encouraged everyone to remember that Feb 5 is the day UNCG plays Davidson in the Greensboro Coliseum. There is special pricing available for families, and tickets are purchased through the athletics box office in Fleming Gymnasium.

Service – Sharon Humphrey

- Sharon reported that the Fox 8 Gifts for Kids event was a great success.
- MS Walk in Kernersville is Saturday, April 25. The Staff Senate has been registered as a team to walk. We can also volunteer to work this event.

Staff Recognition –Sheryl Williamson

- 7 Staff Stars nominations were received in December/January so far.
- They are preparing for the Staff Excellence Awards

Employee Enrichment – Janet Hendley

- Go Red for Women event will be on February 13 in EUC from 10am – 2pm. This year we are working with the American Heart Association and the Student Health Center.
- Brown Bag Seminars are scheduled to begin again the end of January or the beginning of February. The committee is still looking for a speaker for a seminar on personal finances.
- A subcommittee met to review the Staff Scholarship and to develop a marketing program. This will be done by March.

Staff Welfare –Ray Carney

- Work on the survey continues and will be finished by April.
- The information gleaned from the study of peer institutions is being put into a preliminary report.
- They are hoping to meet with the Chancellor in January.

Announcements by the Chair Elect – Kevin Bullard

- January 20, 11:30 -3:30 EUC Cone Ballroom A: Inclusive Community Initiative Task Force Forum – American Politics and the 21st Century University. This will be an opportunity to watch the Presidential Inauguration. Drinks and dessert will be provided by the Faculty Senate.
- January 27, 7pm Aycok Auditorium: Annual MLK Program featuring keynote speaker The Reverend Al Sharpton and presentation of the MLK Service Award. Tickets are free for UNCG Faculty, Staff and Students, parking is free in the Weatherspoon parking lot or Oakland Deck. Tickets are available from the EUC Box Office. It is also open to the public, depending on availability of tickets.

Announcements by Chair - Scott Milman

- Scott reminded us to send him any topics that we would like the Staff Senate to address this semester. One item he received was for the senate to participate in some way in Earth Day, which is April 22. Donna Sexton mentioned Blue and Gold Day and whether Staff Senate would want to sponsor a decorating contest for departments on campus.

Other Announcements

- Suzanne Williams announced that a free shuttle service will be provided from UNCG to the Coliseum on Feb 5 for the UNCG/Davidson game.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Guard, Secretary.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, February 12, 10am – 12:00pm in EUC Alexander Room