

August 1, 2012

UGA Staff Council Meeting

Meeting was called to order by Chair Daniel,

Roll was called; a quorum was present.

Regular Order of Business modified to begin Guest Speakers' presentations.

Guest Speakers:

1. Dr. Clifton Baile presented information about the new Obesity Initiative: The Challenges of Obesity. Dr. Baile is the Director of the Obesity Board.

Obesity has many factors that can contribute to becoming and remaining obese throughout one's lifetime. In the US in 1986, about 10% of the U.S. population was obese, and that number is now about 30%. In GA, the Governor recently has put forward an initiative to address childhood obesity, and the GA Public Health Department has declared obesity to be the number one health issue in the State. UGA primarily is providing a research component for studying obesity in GA as part of the initiative. A wellness program at UGA and a community engagement effort also are components of the initiative. At UGA, communication teams are being formed across all disciplines to help facilitate grants and studies about obesity. The South-Eastern US has a higher rate of obesity than other parts of the US. The UGA obesity initiative will recruit 6 new faculty for teaching and research on different aspects of obesity and for collaboration with faculty in other areas at UGA; Bio-Chemistry, Kinesiology, et al. The goals of the program will also include developing metrics to measure the impact of the program on GA. Please visit [Http://obesity.uga.edu/](http://obesity.uga.edu/) for more information.

2. Healthy Dawgs Program: Guest speaker, Lindsey Welch presented information about this existing program through the UGA College of Pharmacy that is now in its third year. Goals include helping with the management of existing health conditions of UGA employees which require medication and providing education about their medications and the physiology of drug interactions. The Pharmacy students also coach employees to develop healthier nutrition, exercise and medication choices. The program can also coordinate with and provide information to employee's Doctors. If you have questions (in Athens), please contact: [lwelch@rx.uga.edu](mailto:lwelch@rx.uga.edu) or 706 583 0223.

3. Guest speaker, Dee Dee McCuin presented information on the smoking cessation program at UGA. The next cessation session is scheduled for Fall semester.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Committee reports: no reports.

President's report: Globe's committee still needs a rep from Staff Council. Chair Daniel thanked Staff Council members for contributing information about qualities that the next UGA President should have.

Old Business: The SC web site is now up! [www.ugasc.uga.edu](http://www.ugasc.uga.edu)

Committee assignments will be sent out. If you would like a different assignment, it can be arranged.

Two University Council positions are up for election. Vickie Coker was elected by acclamation to serve on the Human Resources committee. The Student Affairs position is still available.

Timothy Chester, UGA CIO, will be guest speaker at our next meeting on September 5<sup>th</sup>.

Motion to adjourn passed.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jon Liston

Recording Secretary