

December 5, 2012

UGA Staff Council meeting

Meeting was called to order by the Chair, Jerry Daniel.

Roll was called; a quorum was present.

Minutes of the November meeting / approved

Committee reports:

Chair's report:

Jerry Daniel attended the UGA Bio Safety Committee meeting; no major incidents this past year. UGA facilities are good; and this helps UGA to get scientific/biological jobs ahead of other Universities. Kansas State has next best facility, but UGA is significantly better than that of Kansas State.

The UGA Police website will post official alerts for the public

The next Presidents selection meeting will be held on Monday, Dec 12. The list of 9 will be interviewed at the airport. Candidates will be pared down to 3 or 4. Following the airport interviews, the top candidate's names will be sent to the BOR. The BOR will then choose the next president of UGA. They are not obligated to choose from the committee's recommendations.

Open records laws do not apply to Presidential searches. This is a special exception to the open records law.

President Adams will be present at our meeting in April, 2013.

Suggestion has been made to see if UGA professional classes or programs can be made available for UGA Staff. Tuition cost above the standard tuition that is paid by TAP may be paid by the staff member.

Jack Pannecoucke, administrator of the UGA TAP program, previously has spoken to the Pharmacy School. It was suggested that SC invite him to speak at a future SC meeting.

University Council; President Adams is looking into providing health insurance for domestic partners.

Old Business: Legion Pool: Question to the SC: does the SC wish to go on record with a statement concerning the future of Legion Pool? Since the decision about Legion Pool will be left to the new President, the SC should not waste energy and time on this issue. It also was pointed out that the university students currently do not utilize the pool to any great extent, partly because the pool is closed in August before the Fall semester begins.

Motion was made and seconded to drop the previously tabled motion. Discussion: we should make sure that the SC will follow through and bring this up when the new President arrives in June, 2013.

New Business:

1. UC Libraries, election of a new delegate: Matt Pulver and Winnie Smith are candidates for this position. Following a secret ballot, Winnie Smith was elected to represent the Library and SC at the University Council.
2. UGA staff listserv – new moderator. Duties for this position were discussed. If anyone would like to volunteer please notify Jerry Daniel. This job could also be managed by several people. Support and advice will be available.

Motion was seconded to ask the Communication committee to help find someone, or several people to manage this Listserv.

3. Suggestion has been made to add pictures of all SC members to the web site. This may help to identify members for our community and to other staff members. If you already have a digital picture, please email it to Christine Jepsen.

Presentation: Lydia Lanier – HR Benefits; Lydia was not able to attend today.

Presentation: Stacy Connell – Biggest Loser Program

A school wide program will begin next Monday; anyone in the University community can register online. Dietary advice and support for exercise will be provided. Last year, 75 individuals from faculty, staff and students participated. This is a team based organized with 6 to 8 participants. Past efforts show that a team approach helps greatly to stay with the program; over 70% of the participants stayed throughout the program. The group of 75 lost 375 pounds overall. A group exercise for faculty and staff will be held on Friday evenings, and a cooking program. Individuals can also be placed into teams. This program's emphasis will be more holistic, looking at the composition of the weight loss, exercise skills improvement, dietary change toward more healthy eating, and a more healthy lifestyle. Register through www.recsports.uga.edu. The cost will be \$15 per month – and this is the membership for the Ramsey Center.

Dec. 18th is the next SC exec meeting

Jan 9, 2013 is the next SC meeting in room 250, MLC, at 2:30PM.

Communications committee: Will look into an upgrade for the UGA web site?

Motion to adjourn was seconded and passed.