

# Staff Council Meeting

## Agenda

September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Miller Learning Center, room 275, 2:30PM

- Roll Call, quorum present

Minutes – Minutes of the August meeting were approved

Chair's Report, Jerry Daniel: Met with President Morehead. Administration's first priority is salaries. The benefits for domestic partnerships question will be decided above the University level and will probably be worked out through the courts. The Provost search committee is progressing, J. Daniel is on this committee.

- Committee Appointments –

Student affairs committee met with new Dean Victor Wilson, and the Committee elected a chair.

Facilities committee. Minutes from the UC Facilities committee meeting will be attached to these minutes.

HR committee is scheduled to meet.

Bylaws committee – working on the USG bylaws and UGA SC bylaws

- Unfinished business
- Bylaws committee – Brenda Keen, Jennifer Abbott, Christine Jepsen, Michael Lewis, Jerry Daniel, Mary Moore – met on Aug. 28th. Next meeting is Sept. 12.
- Committee assignments and election of committee chair(s). Committees will meet today after adjournment.

- New Business, Speaker

- Dr. Kavita Pandit, Office of International Education (OIE)

Focus of this presentation is to inform the Staff Council about the director, Dr. K. Pandit, and the roles of the office. There are currently about 38 staff with the OIE.

A primary function of OIE is to oversee the UGA Studies Abroad program. Several members of SC are involved with the Studies Abroad program. The program requires a large support structure, and this is provided by staff. Over 2,000 students are participating in the Studies Abroad program, and UGA ranks 12<sup>th</sup> in the nation for numbers of students in the program. OIE works with faculty for the academic aspects of the program. OIE also monitors the health and safety of travelers.

OIE is the point of contact for ISSIS- International students, scholars, and immigration services. The office facilitates bringing international students, staff and faculty to UGA.

Last year, over 1,700 international students were enrolled at UGA. This is less than 4% of the total student population. With the addition of medical, engineering, and English language programs, the number of international students is expected to grow.

The OIE is not the primary recruiter of international students. UGA is currently visiting boarding schools and bringing students to campus for visits.

UGA global partnerships are managed by OIE. There are currently over 200 contractual and collaborative relationships between institutions.

Employees can earn a global certificate: <http://www.hr.uga.edu/training> through taking courses with Training and Development.

- Two UGA reps will attend the business meeting of the University System of Georgia Staff Council on October 2. We will communicate online when the agenda for the conference is re-posted.

Michele Griffin presented information on peer and aspirational institutions which offer tuition benefits for family members of employees; discussion of the issue was tabled until the next meeting.

- Adjournment

- Committee Meetings

Next Staff Council Executive Meeting 2:30 September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013

- Next Staff Council Meeting 2:30 October 2<sup>nd</sup> MLC 275, 2013, Dr. Tim Chester, VP, CIO, will be our guest speaker.

w/ Lydia Lanier from Human Resources