



The University of Georgia
Staff Council

August 6, 2014

Miller Learning Center Room 207

2:30PM

Meeting was called to order by Michael Lewis

Roll Call, quorum was present

Minutes from July were approved

Committee Reports:

Health and Safety Committee: no report

UGARA:

Communication Committee:

- Debi reported that the Communication Committee met during the month via a conference call. They have published information concerning the meetings on Archnews and will continue to advertise the meetings in “Columns” and online and printed newsletter. In addition, meeting will be announced on the UGA Staff listserv.

Benefits and Classification: no report

Staff and Needs Concerns:

- Elmer reported on an issue with the Tate Parking deck. There currently is not a sign to indicate when the lot is full. This necessitates the need to pull into the turnabout and the come back out, which creates a traffic jam. With the addition of students at the new Bolton dining hall, this could be a hazard. Needs and Concerns will coordinate with the Health and Safety committee to work on a solution.

University Council Committee Reports: Has not met

Executive Committee: No report

Facilities Committee: No report

Student Affairs Committee: No report

Human Resources Committee: No report

Strategic Planning Committee: No report

Libraries Committee: No report

Chair’s report:

- Welcomed returning and new members
- Shared some upcoming meetings with us
 - August 11th “Motivation and Leadership” training for the Exec Board
 - August 11th Reception for Ryan Nesbit, Vice President for Finance and Administration

- August 13th Meeting with President Morehead
- August 26th Groundbreaking ceremony and lunch for the new Science Learning Center on Carlton Street

Old Business: No old business to review

New Business:

Committees – Goals for the Year

- Please submit goals for each committee prior to August 12.

USG Staff Council Benefits Questionnaire

Michael asked that we share the following questions with our group and submit the responses with him.

- There are three questions on the questionnaire which we would like answered:
 - Would extending TAP benefits to your immediate family be something that would benefit you as a USG employee?
 - If BOR allowed immediate family members (as defined above) to take Distance Learning and Web-Based Courses, would this be a benefit to you?
 - Are you in favor of a Bereavement Paid Time benefit? What do you think is an allowable amount of paid time off for the death of a loved one? Do you agree that a loss of a friend or pet would also qualify for this benefit?
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Presentation by John Lambeth , Manager, Industrial Hygiene and Occupational Safety

- John likes to call himself “the workplace safety guy for the university”. John works for the “Environmental Safety Division” . He shared with the group some of responsibilities of the group including, Chemical and Lab Safety, Environmental Compliance, Environmental Health and Road Safety, Fire Safety, Radiation Safety, Laser Safety and Industrial Hygiene (which includes things topic such as accident investigation, blood borne pathogens, animal handling. Hearing conservation and indoor air quality, to name just a few.).
 - John mentioned a specific program offered “Ergonomic Injury Risk Assessment and Prevention”. John pointed out that if you have concerns about your office work station, you can request a “Musculoskeletal Injury Risk Assessment” on their website. <https://esd.uga.edu/industrial-hygiene-occupational-safety/ergonomic-injury-risk-assessment-and-prevention>. The Law School has taken advantage of this and offered high reviews.

Next Staff Council Meeting 2:30 September 3rd 2014, MLC 250:

Speaker: Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Pamela Whitten

Meeting adjourned at 4:11pm