

# Staff Council Newsletter

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## Monthly Staff Council Meetings

November 14th  
 December 12th  
 January 16th  
 February 20th  
 March 20th  
 April 17th  
 May 15th  
 June 19th

All meetings are held in the Williams Center Conference Room unless otherwise indicated

Any Staff Member is welcome to attend!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

November 12 - December 14  
 Warm Clothing Drive

November 11/1 - 12/15  
 Nominations Accepted, Merit Awards

January 9, 2013  
 Merit & Service Award Ceremony

May 16, 2013  
 Staff Appreciation Picnic

Visit Staff Council Website for more information on upcoming events

[georgiasouthern.edu/staffcouncil](http://georgiasouthern.edu/staffcouncil)

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## Our Mission & Purpose

The purpose of Staff Council is to serve as the representative body for all staff employees at the University. We strive to be a voice in decision making on matters that concern staff. Staff Council works to ensure that staff employees work in a positive, respectful atmosphere with opportunities for their own professional and personal growth and development while supporting the mission of Georgia Southern University.

## Staff Council Awards Scholarships

Staff Council recently awarded its first scholarship and book award. The Staff Council Scholarship was established to assist dependents/spouses of current Georgia Southern University staff employees, and the Book Award was established to assist Georgia Southern staff employees who are also working on undergraduate or graduate degrees. The Georgia Southern University Staff Council would like to congratulate the following individuals:

- Ashlin Reid - Staff Council Scholarship Recipient
- Julia Tipton - Staff Council Book Award Recipient

Ashlin is the daughter of Vickie Reid (Office of Financial Accounting). Julia serves Georgia Southern University as Coordinator of Auxiliary Operations within the Department of University Housing and is currently working on her Master of Education degree.

Scholarships and awards such as these are funded through fundraising activities and **A Day for Southern** donations made to the Staff Council Account (Account 0869).

## Staff Council Goals

Staff Council is a collective voice for those who work in non-faculty employee roles. We support a variety of activities and initiatives to improve the quality of life and effectiveness of the university's dedicated and valuable staff. The Council has set the following goals for the 2012-2013 academic year:

- Increase awareness and function of Staff Council to the campus community.
- Facilitate opportunities for staff to give back to the local community through service.
- Promote an atmosphere where staff invest in themselves by increasing their knowledge, improving their work experience and quality of life.
- Increase collaboration and communication between faculty, staff and administration.
- Enhance camaraderie of staff through social and professional development events.



## Staff Council Accomplishments

- Active Staff Council representation on the following campus committees:
  - Medical Leave Assistance Committee
  - HR Appeals Committee
  - Space Planning and Allocation Committee
  - Campus Life Enrichment Committee
  - Compensation Study Taskforce
  - Community Engagement Steering Committee
- Conducted first Staff Council Election
- Administered Tobacco Use Survey to over 21, 987 faculty, staff and students
  - Received over 8,000 responses
- Established the official By-Laws of Staff Council
- Conducted the inaugural Eagle Coat Drive
  - Collected over 200 cold weather items
- Hosted the 2012 Service & Merit Award Ceremony
  - Recognized over 200 Staff Members for Service and Outstanding Merit
- Received external funding for two Staff Merit Awards from TIAA-CREF and Fidelity
- Conducted a food drive at the Service & Merit Award Ceremony and collected over 100 canned goods and non-perishable items donated to the Statesboro Food Bank.
- Established a Staff Council Foundation Account to support the Staff Council Book Award and Dependent Scholarship
- Hosted the inaugural Staff Appreciation Picnic with over 600 participants
  - Raised over \$1000 to support the Staff Council book award and Dependent Scholarship
  - Collected over 150 canned goods that were donated to the Statesboro Food Bank
- Hosted 2012 University System of Georgia State Staff Council Conference (October 2012)

## Staff Council Warm Clothing Drive

November 12 - December 14

Last fall, Staff Council conducted its inaugural coat drive in which over 200 coats, hats, gloves and other cold weather accessories were collected. Thanks to the generous donation of cleaning services provided by The Greener Cleaners, Staff Council was able to have the items cleaned and ready to be donated. Staff Council will continue this tradition to help our own faculty, staff and students stay warm during the winter months by setting up donation stations around campus from November 12th through December 14th. New or gently used coats, hats, gloves, scarves and other cold weather items of all sizes will be collected.

Anyone unable to come to a donation site can contact Staff Council by email at [staffcouncil@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:staffcouncil@georgiasouthern.edu) to schedule a donation. This is a great opportunity for staff to conveniently share and help out fellow members of our campus and local community.

## Service & Award of Excellence Ceremony

January 9, 2013 ● Performing Arts Center

The annual Staff Service and Awards of Excellence Ceremony will recognize and acknowledge staff employees for their years of service to Georgia Southern University. Also each year Classified and/or Administrative Professional employees are selected from campus nominations to receive the Award of Excellence, which is based upon their commitment to go above and beyond to provide excellent customer service to our campus. Award of Excellence Recipients will be presented with a medallion and a monetary award of \$1,000.

### Requirements for Award of Excellence Nomination:

- Be in a benefitted position
- Been employed by the University for at least one continuous year as of December 31, 2012
- Receive at least three (3) endorsements

**Nomination Deadline: November 30, 2012**

For more information - please visit [www.georgiasouthern.edu/staffcouncil](http://www.georgiasouthern.edu/staffcouncil)

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