

Staff Council Newsletter

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Monthly Staff Council Meetings

June 21st
 July 19th
 August 9th
 September 20th
 October 18th
 November 15th
 December 13th

All meetings are held in the President's Conference Room at 8:30 a.m. unless otherwise indicated.

Any Staff Member is welcome to attend!

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 1st- December 6th
 Warm Clothing Drive

October 1st-November 22nd
 Nominations Accepted, Merit Awards

January 8, 2014
 Merit & Service Award Ceremony

May 15, 2014
 Staff Appreciation Picnic

Visit Staff Council Website for more information on upcoming events

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 will soon be accepting applications for the 2nd annual 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. These awards are funded through donations made to the Georgia Southern University Foundation, Staff Council Account # 0869, and through fundraising events such as the Spring raffle.

For the Staff Council Scholarship (\$500), the Staff Council Scholarship Committee will consist of both staff council members as well as other university representatives. The selection committee will judge based on the application only. All names will be omitted and will not be made available to the selection committee during the evaluation period.

The Staff Council Book Award (\$95) will be chose through a raffle selection process. Awards will be given to at least one undergraduate recipient and one graduate recipient.

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 2013-2014 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
 - Parking Appeals Committee
 - Campus Life Enrichment Committee
 - Compensation Study Taskforce
 - QEP Committee
- Continued to pursue the Tobacco Free initiative
- Established the official By-Laws of Staff Council
- Conducted the 2nd annual Eagle Coat Drive
 - Collected over 600 cold weather items
 - Donated remaining items to Safe Haven
- Hosted the 2013 Service & Merit Award Ceremony
 - Recognized over 160 Staff Members for Service and 8 for Outstanding Merit
- Received external funding for two Staff Merit Awards from TIAA-CREF and Fidelity
- Continued to contribute to the Staff Council Foundation Account to support the Staff Council Book Award and Dependent Scholarship
- Hosted the 2nd annual Staff Appreciation Picnic with over 600 participants
 - Raised over \$500 to support the Staff Council book award and Dependent Scholarship
 - Collected 500 canned goods that were donated to the Statesboro Food Bank
- Hosted 2012 University System of Georgia State Staff Council Conference (October 2012) held at the Nessmith-Lane Conference Center

Staff Council Warm Clothing Drive

November 1st - December 6th

Last fall, Staff Council conducted its 2nd annual warm clothing drive in which over 600 coats, hats, gloves and other cold weather accessories were collected. 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 1st through December 6th. New or gently used coats, hats, gloves, scarves and other cold weather items of all sizes will be collected. Dates for the giveaways will be announce closer to the event. As in previous years, any items left after we host our giveaways will be donated to local charities.

Anyone unable to come to a donation site can contact Staff Council by email at 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 recognized and acknowledged 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 were 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, 2013
- Receive three (3) endorsements

Nomination Deadline: November 22, 2013

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