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Staff Council Meeting Minutes

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**Georgia Southern University**
**Staff Council**
**May 26, 2010**

**Members Present:** Amber Blair, Dorsey Baldwin, Jane Harkleroad, Bryan Hooks, Chandra Cheatham, Janet Walker, Alan Woodrum, Kent Tatum, Linda Smith, Jo-Lyn Bender, America Minc

**Absent:** Patricia Hendrix, Laura McCullough, Cam Reagin, Allison Hood, Teresa Lee

**Guest:** Paul Michaud, HR; Shawna Masterson

**Approval of April Minutes**

Jo-Lyn Bender moved to approve the minutes; Alan Woodrum provided the second. With none opposed, the minutes were approved.

**Opening remarks**

America has a meeting about TFCI with SGA today at 3pm. New member elections will be held next meeting.

**Open Issues**

Treasurer Report: We have a balance of $8,600 with pending expenses still.

We will look at the check process next year to address tax implications for the merit winners. It was suggested that merit winners be recognized during convocation. With a higher turn-out than ever before, we will consider making a May ceremony the norm. Paul Michaud indicated it appears that Fidelity has agreed to participate financially by giving $1,000 towards a merit award. It was suggested that more beverage tables be set up during next year’s ceremony. We need to look into having service nominees sit with merit nominees after receiving their service award. Center pieces will be considered next year instead of balloons. Sponsors for these can be explored, and they can be given as door prizes. We need to fade in stage music. Need to order more programs next year. A revamping of the gift selection pool is necessary.

Amber will inquire about creating a Staff Council foundation account and report back to Alan.

**Human Resources-Paul Michaud**

Anyone hired after March 29, 2010 will not have to comply with the Chapman Kelly dependent audit. Graduate Assistants will now all go through background checks. Degree verification will become part of the normal hiring process if a degree is required for a position.

Meeting adjourned 11:00 a.m.

Professionally submitted,

Amber Blair
Secretary