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**Georgia Southern University
Staff Council
Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2013**

Members/Alternates Present: Pattie Beblowski, , Lisa Bridges, Theresa Duggar, Bo Galvin, Heidi Harsha, Kendria Lee, Lisa Lee, Liza Williams, , David Thompson, Amber Blair, Kent Tatum

Advisor: Paul Michaud

Absent: Joan Greenlees, , Dorsey Baldwin, Jill Forehand, , America Minc, Debbie Tyson

Approval of April Agenda: Motion: Amber Blair ; 2nd: David Thompson

Approval of March Minutes: Motion: David Thompson; 2nd Amber Blair

*Correction to April Min: "PicNic" will be spelled "Picnic"

Executive & Committee Reports

Treasurer Report: Balance in account is \$760.90. Paul Michaud spoke with Rob Whitaker about increasing Staff Councils budget. Rob would like to see an itemized list of the needs for FY14.

By-Laws Committee: See New Business

Technology & Communications and Website: None

Employee Engagement: None

Fundraising & Outreach: See Picnic in "Old Business"

Scholarship: None

Tobacco Free Initiative: None

Old Business

Picnic – The picnic was on May 16th. All feedback was positive from those who attended. \$491.00 was collected for the scholarship fund and over 366 cans of food collected

Suggestions for next year:

- Start at 11:00 and end at 1:00
- Have the music play longer
- More sprite and possibly add ice tea
- Have each VP present speak to staff
- Have a sign for the raffle table to help promote and explain what the raffle is for
- Have one large door prize
- Need a donation jar for those who forgot a can good but would like to donate money
- "Staff Council" signs (we can have these made and use at all events)
- Open the raffle up for several days for pre-sales
- Ask Mr. Chris Pugh to participate again in 2014 Picnic

New Business

Town Hall Meeting: The next 2 town hall meetings will be May 22th at 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm and May 29 at 11:00 am– 12:00 pm. Place: Nessmith-Lane room 1909. Pattie will send Paul the information to send out the dates campus wide.

Bylaws: The current Bylaws have been revised by the executive committee. Each Staff Council member received a copy of the edited document 1 week prior to the meeting. An open discussion was held and other edits made. Lisa Bridges will send the edited version to the Staff Council the week of May 20th for the council to review again and vote on during the June meeting.

(See edited Bylaws attached)

Herty: It was presented to the Council that with the assignment of Herty, the 65 + Herty employees will now be under GSU. It was recommended to add a seat to the Staff Council to include a Herty representative. Lisa Bridges will speak with Dr. Charles Patterson about this addition and who best can attend the meetings on behalf of Herty.

Complaints: None

HR Updates:

*Performance Evaluations were due April 30th. Only 50% of evaluations have been completed and submitted to HR.

* The TRS **employer** contribution is presently 11.41% and will go up to 12.28% in July. The **employee** contribution remains the same at 6%.; The ORP **employer** contribution is presently 9.24% and will remain the same. The **employee** contribution remains the same at 6%.

Announcements:

Meeting Adjourned: 10:30 a.m.

Professionally Submitted,
Lisa Bridges