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Council Meeting
Friday, March 15, 2019
9:00 am – 11:00 am
Armstrong Campus, Burnett Hall Room 109
Statesboro Campus, Marvin Pittman 1009A

Present: Danira Beckmann, Rebecca Carroll, Andrew Dies, Lakesha Hill, Angel Howard, Christopher Johnston, Kerner Patrice, Sybil Kirkland, Colby Lamb, Philip Leroy, DeAnn Lewis, Katherine Lewis, Adrienne McCollar, Ava Percell, Brenda Richardson, Jason Salzer, Reginald Scott, Nick Shrader, Trina Smith, Jasper Stewart, Dylitchrous Thompson, Ashley Thornton, Jessica Weaver. **Regrets:** Katherine Arntzen, **Absent:** Brittany Horn McLamb, AJ Stephens, Danny Frazier.

Meeting call to order

Staff Council president welcomed the group at 9:19 a.m.

VP Robert Whitaker

- Presentation and discussion of university budget.
- Discussion of new gift giving policy
- Discussion of the Staff/Faculty Parking fee policy (implementation for the Savannah and Liberty campuses). Implementation of \$100 parking fee will start Fall 2019 (August).
- Mr. Whitaker thanked the Staff Council for their work and the opportunity to meet with the group.

Consent Agenda and Minutes from January 18, 2019

- Adoption of Agenda: Ava moved and seconded for the adoption of agenda and MoM. Motion carried UNANIMOUSLY by MAJORITY.

Committee Reports

- Treasurer Report
 - ARM Discretionary Fund (Acct#2072): \$1,053.62
 - ARM Scholarship (Acct#7071): \$1,233.54
 - Statesboro (Acct#0869): \$2,477.19
 - Statesboro (Acct#7110): \$10,442.69
- By-Laws Committee
 - Chair reviewed rules of engagement during meeting with staff council members.
- Communications Committee
 - Chair discussed **High Five** initiative and requested direction from Executive committee on how to proceed.
 - It was requested by Staff Council Advisor to pause on this initiative. HR is waiting for guidance from the new President's Office on new marketing and communication procedures.
- Fundraising and Scholarship Committee
 - No updates at this time
- Staff Development Committee
 - Random Acts of Kindness (RAK) initiative was completed in the month of February. A total of 110 RAK submissions were received and delivered.
 - Lunch-n-Learn, Web conferencing Etiquette workshop event was attended by 21 people total. Great feedback received from those who attended.

- Staff Outreach and Special Events Committee
 - Staff Picnic: preparing for the Staff Council picnic; more information will be forthcoming as planning progresses.
- **Old Business**
 - Recap on Years of Service Ceremonies: the ceremony collected positive feedback and it was well received by guests and recipients alike.
- **New Business**
 - New Member – Ashley Thornton was welcomed by Staff Council Chair
 - By-Laws Amendments
 - Amendment: *Executive Committee Vacancies*
 - Amendment read by Chair. Jasper motion to amend and seconded. Motion to open the floor for discussion. Discussion closed. The motion **passed UNANIMOUSLY**.
 - Amendment: *Frequency of Staff Council Meetings*
 - Amendment read by Chair. Jasper motion to amend and seconded. Motion to open the floor for discussion. Discussion closed. The motion **failed** with 3 in FAVOR and 14 AGAINST.
 - Amendment: *Open Meetings*
 - Amendment read by Chair. Jasper motion to amend and seconded. Motion to open the floor for discussion. Discussion closed. The motion **passed UNANIMOUSLY**.
 - A motion from the floor was made to hold implementation of this amendment until a plan is in place to address communications and logistics. The motion passed 16 in FAVOR and 1 AGAINST.

Presidential Updates and Comments - none at this time.

Updates from Human Resources - none at this time.

Announcements

- Staff Council Vacancies: any vacancies at this point (in time) will not be filled because it falls within three (3) months of end of the term. Currently the Staff Council has four vacancies.

Important Dates

- Executive Committee Meeting – April 12, 2019
- BOR Meeting in Savannah – April 16-17, 2019 Hosted by Georgia Southern University and Savannah State University
- USG Staff Council Quarterly Meeting – April 17, 2019 hosted by GA Tech
- Staff Council Meeting – April 19, 2019
- Staff Council Picnics – **ALL HANDS ON DECK**
 - Armstrong Campus - May 30, 2019
 - Statesboro Campus – May 31, 2019

Meeting Adjourned 11:05 AM