

Staff Council Newsletter

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Monthly Staff Council Meetings

November 19th
December 14th
January 18th
February 15th
March 21st
April 18th
May 16th

All meetings are held in the President's Conference Room in the Marvin Pittman Administration Building unless otherwise indicated

Any Staff Member is invited to attend!

Upcoming Events

10/17 - 11/4 - Tobacco Survey
11/1 - 12/15 - Nominations Accepted, Merit Awards
11/01 - HR Policy Info Session
11/03 - HR Policy Info Session
11/08 - HR Policy Info Session
11/11 - HR Policy Info Session
12/08 - HR Policy Info Session
12/13 - HR Policy Info Session
12/15 - HR Policy Info Session
01/09/12 - SC Town Hall Meeting
01/10/12 - SC Town Hall Meeting
02/01/12 - Service & Merit Award
10/02 - 10/03 - USG Staff Council Conference, @ Georgia Southern

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.

Get Involved with Staff Council

We invite all staff to attend a Staff Council meeting or participate on a committee. Staff Council meetings are open to any staff member interested in attending and becoming involved in the many projects, initiatives and activities sponsored by the Council. All Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday (*except December*) at 9:00 am in the President's Conference Room in the Marvin Pittman Administration Building unless otherwise indicated. The Executive Committee meets on the Friday before the monthly council meeting.

Staff Council Committees:

- By-Laws
- Technology & Communications
- Staff Morale
- Staff Service & Merit Award
- Fundraising & Outreach
- Nominating
- Scholarship
- 2012 Statewide Staff Council Conference

If you are interested in volunteering your time to work with any of the Staff Council committees please visit the following url: tiny.cc/committees

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 2011-2012 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 Reps

Dorsey Baldwin, Chair
Carter Walton, Chair Elect
Alan Woodrum, Past Chair
Chandra Cheatham, Treasurer
Lisa Bridges, Secretary
Linda Smith, Parliamentarian
Patti Beblowski
Amber Blair
Jill Forehand
Marc "Bo" Galvin
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Lisa Lee
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Kent Tatum
C. David Thompson
Debbie Tyson
Paul Michaud, Advisor

Questions, Comments Suggestions?

If you have any ideas, suggestions, questions, or comments please feel free to contact your division Staff Council representative or email Staff Council directly at staffcouncil@georgiasouthern.edu



Staff Council holds Tobacco Survey

As a public institution, Georgia Southern has the responsibility to not only educate students in the classroom, but also to foster a healthy environment for faculty, staff, students, and members of the community who find themselves on the Georgia Southern campus every day. Staff Council decided to hold a campus-wide tobacco survey to better understand the viewpoints of tobacco use on our campus, and to utilize the results of the survey to make recommendations to the Administration regarding tobacco use on campus.

Recommendation options are:

- No Change To The Current Smoking Policy
- Limiting Tobacco Use To Permitted Zones Only
- Creating A Tobacco Free Campus

The Campus Tobacco Survey was recently distributed to all Georgia Southern faculty, staff, and students via email. Those staff without an email address will be given the opportunity to complete a paper version of the survey. It is imperative that every faculty, staff and student complete the survey to ensure that Administration can make an informed decisions regarding the University's policy of tobacco use on campus.

Staff Council Coat Drive

Staff Council will hold its first annual Eagle Coat Drive November 28th – December 12th to help community members in need. New or gently used coats, hats, gloves, scarves and other cold weather items of all sizes will be collected at 5 campus locations.

Collection Locations:

- Human Resources, Rosenwald Building
- Russell Union, Eagle Card Center
- Recreation Activity Center
- Henderson Library
- Lakeside Cafe

Anyone unable to come to a donation site can contact Staff Council by email at staffcouncil@georgiasouthern.edu to schedule a donation. Staff Council is committed to encouraging university staff contributions to the campus and local community. This is a great opportunity for staff to conveniently share and help out fellow members of our community.

Stay Informed

Want to keep informed about any upcoming events, news, and issues affecting staff? Subscribe to the Staff Council Email Listserv - it is a great way to stay updated and stay connected to your council.

To subscribe yourself to the list:

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In the body of the message, type the following: **subscribe StaffCouncil-L**