

EAST GEORGIA STATE COLLEGE

Staff Council Meeting

Friday, February 13, 2015

The Staff Council meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm in the President's Conference Room. The meeting was set up to provide a phone conference feed to the Statesboro and Augusta campuses. Those attending from the Statesboro campus were located in the Conference Room and those attending from Augusta campus were located in Miss Nail's office.

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Angie Brown.

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Karen Murphree to accept the minutes of the November meeting as presented. Angie Williams seconded the motion. With none opposed, the minutes were approved.

Member Updates

No one from Human Resources was present to give member updates. Secretary Morris followed up with Human Resources.

Daniels, Denise	Student Affairs Communication Specialist I
Butler-Griffin, Beitha T	Student Affairs In-Take Specialist II-Fin Aid
Johnson, Michael A	Student Affairs Counselor I
Bramlett, Sheila A	Admin Assistant VP Stud Affairs & Athletics
Clements, Cameron R	Academic Advisement Specialist
Johnson, James B	Institutional Services Coordinator
Keith, Aaron S	Admissions Recruiter
Thigpen, Astraea J	Academic Advisement Specialist
Howlett, Linda D	Food Service Worker II
Duncan, Julia C	Food Service Worker II

Treasurer's Report

Chair Brown gave the treasurer's report.

The current Staff Council balance is \$24.68.

The payment \$25.00 payment for the USG Staff Council dues has cleared.

Danielle Renew has left employment with the college and the treasurer position is currently open.

Holiday Luncheons

The Holiday luncheons were a success. Each campus has a good turnout and a good time was had by all. Swainsboro has approximately 80 in attendance, Augusta has about 15, and

Statesboro has about 40.

Donations were accepted in addition to covered dishes by Faculty and Staff members. The donations covered the cost of supplies, \$56.11, and the balance was added to the Helping Hands account. A total of \$141.50 was raised for Helping Hands and was donated to the Unihealth Care Home in Swainsboro, Ga. They will use the funds to ensure that all members receive gifts and needed items, clothes, blankets, and the like during the holiday season.

Questions were raised about possible changes for next December.

Changes discussed include:

- Advertising that spouses are welcome to attend
- Move to an off campus location
- Host the event in the evening
- Have it catered instead of accepting donations

Members in attendance decided to table this discussion until a time closer to the event during the Fall semester.

Jingle Bell Bingo Update

The winners of bingo were Wendell Bell, Lynn Jackson, and Sheila Mosley. All winners received a \$25 gift card donated by the EGSC Foundation.

Many people seemed to enjoy the activity.

One comment was raised that if a similar activity was held in the future that a rule of one winner per campus be implemented.

Secret Pals

Secretary Morris is the moderator for the Secret Pals 2015 program. An informational flyer was sent out and 14 staff members have signed up for the event. The official kick off date was February 1, 2015. A six month change up / opt-in or out will occur around Augusta at the start of the Fall semester.

Senior Staff

Chair Brown has been invited to attend Senior Staff meetings in order to communicate the thoughts of the Staff as needed. She will also bring reports back to the staff council meetings.

Departmental News / Upcoming Events

February 19 – Black History Month Quiz Bowl 6:00 - 8:00PM

February 20 – Augusta Open House 9:00AM – 2:00PM

February 21 – Science Olympiad 6:00AM – 7:00PM – EGSC Campus

February 23 – Speaker Ronnie Spry “Success comes with a price” 11:00AM – 12:00 PM

February 25 – Black History Month Lecture 3:30PM – 4:30PM – EGSC Statesboro

February 28 – Candace Canady Memorial Scholarship 5K & Fun Run – 6:00AM – 10:30AM

February 28 – Miss East Georgia State College Scholarship Pageant 7:00PM

March 3 – Transfer Fair 9:00AM – LFG Rotunda

March 4 – Spring 2015 Full Term Last Day to Withdraw

March 4 – Dr. Seuss Day in J507

- March 5 – GICAA Spring Literary Competition – 8:00AM – 5:00PM – EGSC Campus
March 8 – Emanuel Arts Council Presents Driving Miss Daisy 3:00PM – LFG Auditorium
March 10 – Vision Series Presents Dawn Baker - 11:00AM – LFG Auditorium
March 11 – EGSC Homecoming Casino Night/Dance- 7:00PM – Fulford Center
March 13 – Staff Council Meeting – 2:00PM

Updates on old business:

Membership Benefits Flyer

A link has been placed online on the college webpage.

Yearly Funding

Chair Brown contacted Cliff Gay regarding possible yearly funding of Staff Council for officer travel, yearly dues, and the annual holiday luncheons. We are asking for about \$400 a year. Mr. Gay is working on this. Updates will be announced as they arise.

MyEats

The menu has been added to the college homepage (www.ega.edu). The link is in the bottom left column under Campus Resources.

New Business Items:

Retiree Benefits

A member asked if free admission to athletic games can be added to retiree benefits. Angie Williams announced that a Retiree Club has recently been formed. The intention of the club is to help retirees maintain a relationship with the college. The club meets once every quarter and Dr. John Derden is the system representative for East Georgia State College.

Chair Brown is going to speak with Donald Avery, Vice President of Student Affairs, in order to determine we can offer free admission to games to retirees. If he consents then Chair Brown is going to approach Dr. Derden about bringing this to the clubs attention. Free admission could potentially be a benefit of being a member of the club.

Athletics Season Pass

A member asked if athletics or the college sold season passes to sporting events. The council currently does not have any information on season passes and more information will be gathered before the next meeting.

Guidelines for reporting broken rules / regulation by students

A member asked what can be done with a staff member witnesses a student behaving inappropriately. If the behavior is against any code in the student handbook the student can be reported to Student Conduct, Sherrie Helms. If the behavior is a crime the events needs to be reported to campus police.

USG Staff Council Meeting

Chair Brown recently attended the USG Staff Council Meeting. One item discussed is the

recommended changes to the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP). Changes include expanding TAP to include immediate family members as well as having 100% of costs covered. Each USG institution gave a report to the USG Staff Council including costs incurred by institution employees. The council then compiled a report using this data and has sent it to the Board of Regents. Everyone is waiting on their response. The next quarterly meeting of the USG Staff Council is in May.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm.

The next meeting will be Friday, March 13th, at 2PM.

Attendees:

Swainsboro

Angie Brown

Tia Morris

Kimberly Page

Christi Hutchings

Victor Poole

Angie Williams

Statesboro

Karen Murphree

Luke Martin

Augusta

Nickolas Kelch

Charlene Blankenship

Robert G. Nordan