



**GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY
STAFF COUNCIL**

Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2012

Sinclair Suite, Student Center

Attending: Monique Boyce, John Brittian, Brian Buckwald, Gretchen Cannon, David Caudill, Lesia Chandler, Danielle Churchill, Ann Claycombe, Chris Connelly, Charles Gilbreath, Angela Go, Casey Heath, Miriam Jackson, Pamela Lucas, Cynthia Martin, Elaine McGill, Nakisha McNeal, John Medlock, Felisha Norrington, Crystal Petway, Andrew Reisinger, Stephen Rosner, Lisa Shepard, Amanda Stoll, Aileen Taylor, Jowanna Tillman, Winnie Tsang-Kosma, Angela Turk, Chad Van Gorden, Susan Vogtner, Rhonda Williams, Lyshandra Holmes.

Excused: Kevin Chappell, Gary Fessenden, Adrienne Gonzalez, Karmen Milton, Alison Norsworthy, Preeti Sagar, Jenifer Shockley, Margaret Tzte.

Absent: Amber Amari, Alfred English, MaryAnne Gaunt, Kimberly Moore, Bryan Murray, Carmela Patillo, Jeff Pruett, Anita Webb, Alicia White, Gary Wilson, Valerie Woods, Lisa Zanders.

Guests: Mark Becker, C.C. Sirmans, Grace Dorsey, Tanya Frierson, Angela Storer, Michelle Hiskey, Kara Cooper.

Opening Business:

Jowanna Tillman called the meeting to order at 3 p.m.

Staff Scholarships:

University President Mark Becker presented staff scholarship awards to the four spring 2012 recipients: Grace Dorsey, Tanya Frierson, Kara Cooper, and Lisa Shepard.

President Mark Becker:

Dr. Becker addressed the staff council and answered questions on a variety of issues. He shared information including the following:

- GSU has record enrollment for the Spring 2012 semester.
- The budget season is just starting, but overall the picture looks a bit brighter than it did last year. Formula funding – which provides money for Georgia universities based on how many students are enrolled – is coming back after being cancelled last year.
- There are no pay raises in the current budget, but strong hopes for raises in fiscal 2013.

Elections:

- The nomination site has been opened for the elections for Staff Senator. Nominations will stay open until January 31, and the election will run from February 6-17.
- A motion was made to allow the Staff Council president to serve a second one-year term, rather than leaving after a single year. The council approved it unanimously.

Holiday Closure:

The university is considering changing the week of its extra week of closure over the winter holidays. Currently, the extra week comes the week before the week of Christmas; if changed, it would come after Christmas week. A straw poll was taken, and the majority of council members either preferred the proposed change or had no preference.

Reports:

- CAP approved a plan to add more international content to existing courses at GSU.
- Planning and Development had discussions on campus safety and crosswalks, as well as repair priorities and upcoming forums to discuss parking.