Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2012
Sinclair Suite, Student Center

GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY
STAFF COUNCIL


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


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.