

Staff Council Meeting

Minutes 2/21/2024

Voting Members Attended: Brandon Kight, Treva Johnson, Amber Hodges, Sheila Jacobs, Charlene Blankenship, Casey Fountain, Jada Akridge, Ranceince Pollett, Connie Presas, Wendy Sikora, and Cynthia Reese

Present by Proxy: Diana Cochran

Additional Staff Attended: Tayla Brown, Danielle Calloway

- I. **Call to Order:** 2:02 PM
- II. **Approval of Minutes:** Sheila Jacobs made a motion to approve the minutes from 10/6. Treva Johnson seconded the motion and all in favor.
- III. **Updates from the President – Dr. David Schecter**
 - i. **Expression of Gratitude**
 - a. Dr. Schecter thanked all staff members present and the departments they represent for all their help last year during the 50th year celebrations as well as for a wonderful start to the Spring 2024 semester.
 - b. Special shout out to Human Resources for all their hard work filling institutional vacancies.
 - ii. **Pay Updates**
 - a. Carl Vinson Institute – 80-90% of compensation reports were returned on 12/22/23. Reports compared EGSC with 4 or 5 comparable institutions including Ogeechee Technical College. Dr. Schecter, the Provost, and the Chief Business Officer have met regarding the results and are set to meet again soon. More information to come during the next Town Hall meeting and tables will be released at a later date.
 - iii. **Availability**
 - a. Dr. Schecter’s virtual office hours will continue, and he is open to any suggestions on ways to be more available to staff members.
 - iv. **Upcoming**
 - a. The Cabinet will meet next week and will discuss the flexibility of summer hours across campus.
 - b. The five-year SACSCOC midway point is approaching. Dr. Schecter has advised that, if emailed by David Gribbin, please respond.
- IV. **Treasurer Report – Jada Akridge**
 - i. Agency Account-\$0
 - ii. Foundation Account-\$3,878.23
 - iii. Donations Received: None
 - a. Sheila Jacobs encouraged staff members to participate in the Employee Giving Campaign, if able.
- V. **Special Events Committee – Brandon Kight**
 - i. Holiday Luncheons were successful.
 - ii. Elections for Council officers will be held in June.

- VI. **Spirit Committee – Sheila Jacobs**
i. Secret Pal – Tentative date for Secret Pal reveal is May 3rd at 11 AM.

VII. **Committee of Elections – Amber Hodges**

VIII. **Department News/Upcoming Events – Brandon Kight**

- i. USG Staff Council
Next meeting: February 28, 2024 at 10 AM.

IX. **New Business**

- i. Vacancies:
- Brandon Kight will reach out to Sherri Helms for possible officer nominees for the Council's vacancies from Student Affairs.
- Brandon Kight will reach out to Ashley Woods about the possibility of nominating Greg Avra for the remaining vacancy from Statesboro Campus.
- ii. Nominations/Elections:
- Casey Fountain made a motion to approve both Connie Presas and Wendy Sikora as elected Council officers for Academic Affairs and Statesboro Campus, respectively. Jada Akridge seconded the motion and all in favor.

X. **Old Business**

XI. **Announcements**

- i. March 4, 2024: Summer/Fall 2024 Registration (Group 1)
ii. March 11-16, 2024: Spring Break (Swainsboro and Statesboro)
iii. March 18, 2024: Summer/Fall Registration (Group 2)

Additional Announcements

Casey Fountain announced:

- The upcoming performance of the Marine Corps Band.
- The Military Appreciation Day event at an upcoming baseball game
- The hopes to have live, musical performances at the Fulford Center in the future.

Casey encouraged staff participation, if available.

IV. **Adjournment**

Casey Fountain made a motion to end the meeting at 2:58 PM. Ranceince Pollett seconded and all in favor.