

EAST GEORGIA STATE COLLEGE

Staff Council Meeting

Friday, February 8th, 2013

The Staff Council meeting was called to order at 2:02 pm in room C240 of the Academic Building on the Swainsboro campus. The meeting was set up to provide a video conference feed to the Statesboro campus. Those attending from the Statesboro campus were located in room H133.

Welcome

The meeting began with a welcome from Chair Angie Brown. She reminded everyone that staff council is for us and our needs, and to utilize it as so.

Member Updates

New hires, retirements, or any individuals who have left employment were noted and are listed below.

Admissions: Devin Sutton, left employment

Fulford Center: Tammy Durden, new hire; Erin Youmans, new hire

Marketing: Robin Willis, new hire

Food Service: George Fulghum, left employment

Custodial: James Childs, left employment

Treasurer's Report

Pam Herrington gave the treasurer's report.

The current Staff Council balance is \$408.99.

The current Sunshine Fund balance is \$5.97.

Sunshine Fund

After thorough discussion with Dr. Boehmer, Chair Brown proposed that sending flowers should not be the responsibility of Staff Council. She, as well as Dr. Boehmer, suggested this be handled departmentally. His office will provide flowers when they receive notification of a situation and deem it appropriate. A unanimous vote was made to eliminate the Sunshine Fund and follow through with the procedure of ordering flowers departmentally.

Secret Pals

There are currently 17 people participating in the Secret Pal Program. Secret Pal members do fun things for their pals throughout the year. At the end of the year in December the secret pals will be revealed.

Mission Statement & Bylaws

The original Mission Statement and Bylaws were written in 2003 and need to be revised. A committee was formed consisting of Angie Brown, Tia Morris, Taylor Edenfield, and Angie

Russell. They plan to have a draft of the new bylaws to review during the March meeting.

Website

Chair Brown will continue to work with IT on setting up a Staff Council website to display current officers, Mission Statement & Bylaws and meeting minutes.

Discounts

Those attending were reminded that employees of the college have access to certain discounts that most members are not aware, for example an 18% discount on your phone service at Verizon. The suggestion was made to list the most applicable discounts on a flyer or pamphlet and include information about Staff Council. These flyers/pamphlets would be distributed to all current staff and would be given to any new staff members. It was also discussed that employees of the USG were eligible for certain discounts as well. Those discounts can be viewed on the Team Georgia Website, www.TeamGeorgia.gov . This link will be added to the website once it is functional.

Faculty & Staff Development Funds

Employees were reminded that F/S funds are not just for faculty. Funds can be utilized by any staff member in any department. These funds can be used for employee development such as classes, workshops, seminars, and conferences. Only 1 staff member in the last five years has requested development funds.

A site to assist in finding professional development opportunities is www.findaseminar.com .

Application to apply for funds can be found online via the EGSC Intranet under the Employee Community> Forms Library> Human Resources> Development> Faculty /Staff Development Application tabs. The link is as follows: https://myegsc.ega.edu/group/employee/form-library?p_p_id=20&p_p_lifecycle=0&p_p_state=maximized&p_p_mode=view&_20_struts_action=%2Fdocument_library%2Fview&_20_folderId=45905

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Departmental News / Upcoming Events

Student Life

- We currently have fundraisers scheduled for Relay for Life, which will be held in Swainsboro at the Georgia Sports Arena on April 26th. If you would like to form a team for Relay for Life you may sign up for \$10. The goal is to raise \$100 per team. Luminary forms can be picked up at the Help Desk.
- Science Olympiad, February 16th
- Homecoming-Spirit Days, February 18th-22nd
- Don't Drink and Drive Save A Life Tour -February 27th, 10 am-4pm

Statesboro Campus

- Relay for Life Pageant open to all ages, March 2nd
- Anyone making a donation to Relay for Life will be entered into a drawing for a gift basket

External Affairs

- Vision Series Programs:
 - Sherman's March to the Sea, February 23rd
 - High Museum trip, February 23rd
 - Anyone wishing to attend can see Amanda Williams.

The meeting adjourned at 2:28 pm.

The next meeting will be March 8th, 2013 at 2:00 pm. The meeting will be held in room C128 of the Swainsboro Campus and will be available via video conference in room H133 of the Statesboro Campus.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Williams, Recording Secretary

Attendees(Swainsboro):

Angie Brown
Pam Herrington
Christi Hutchings
Tia Morris
Amanda Williams
Tabithia Ross
Peggy Allen
Sonya Kirkland
Karen Curl
Jill Kirkland
Becky Warren
Jean Schwabe
Taylor Edenfield
Dr. Bob Boehmer
Jerry Hooks
Connie Presas

Attendees (Statesboro):

William Henry
Zoe Marsh
Karen Murphree
Keith Murphree
Angie Russell

Video Conference Support:

Weston Coleman
Mike Rountree