

University System of Georgia Staff Council Quarterly Meeting
Georgia College Macon Graduate Center
Wednesday May 13, 2015
Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Albany State University, Clayton State University, Columbus State University, Georgia Regents University, Georgia Southern University, Kennesaw State University, University of Georgia, University of North Georgia, University of West Georgia, Valdosta State University

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by the University System of Georgia Staff Council Chair, Deborah Chimeno of Kennesaw State University. Ms. Debbie welcomed all and thanked them for traveling to Macon.

Good Morning Council, guests, those who have joined us via webcast, and the Executive Committee. Madame Secretary, the time is 10:10am on Wednesday, May 13th, 2015. This meeting will now come to order. Today is my last meeting with you as your USG Staff Council Chair. At this time, I would like to thank the Executive Committee, Mr. Tim Aldridge, Chair-Elect from UNG, Ms. Pattie Beblowski, Secretary from Georgia Southern, Ms. Yvonne Elroy-Landers, Treasurer from Valdosta State (Thank you for updating our website) and Ms. Gerri Winns, Immediate Past Chair from Albany State, for your support and hard work this year. Thank you to the members of the Bylaws Committee, Public Relations Committee, Annual Conference Committee and many thanks to the Nominating Committee

I began this year as your Chair with a PowerPoint Presentation titled, "I'm an USG Staff Council Member, now what?" I actually fashioned this PowerPoint that was used at my Staff Senate Orientation for KSU Senators when I was the new KSU President of Staff Senate. Personal thanks to Ms. Kathy Rechsteiner for your support and always being there for me! Thank you...

My motto has always been, "Communication is the key to Success" and together we have achieved some success this year! We have welcomed into the USGSC this year, Georgia Tech who for the first time has a Council to represent their Staff! Welcome back, Fort Valley State University! We are glad to have you! And let's not forget Coastal College of Georgia in Brunswick! Thank you, Cody, for all of your input this year!

Communication...In July, I asked the Council Representatives to bring back to their institution a form that I designed to find out how your institution felt about adding family members to TAP, Distance Learning Web-based courses and bereavement paid time, as well as any other concerns that your staff had. We needed to have a dialogue going between the USG Staff Council and all of the institutions! In October, the USGSC enjoyed the Annual Conference at Albany State University and celebrated the 20th year of the USGSC. In October, we also went Tobacco Free on all campuses! Your Executive Committee met with Vice Chancellor Marion Fedrick in December. It was a great meeting with ideas, concerns and what direction the USGSC can take to move forward. BOR is on our side and needs to hear what staff is saying through this Council! Our Bylaw Committee has been hard at work throughout the year with reviewing our current Bylaws dated October 27, 2010. It's time to amend them! Be on the lookout for notification on our bylaws in the near future. I will end my year as your Chair, the

way that I started it with “Communication”. Recently, I asked for your “Top Five Concerns” from your Council. I received (21) responses out of (30) in April 2015 and only (6) in August 2014 from the first survey that was sent out to all institutions. Now that we have the knack of it, keep the Communication going...

At this time, I would like to present our Chair-Elect, Mr. Tim Aldridge, from the University of North Georgia, with our Invocation and a few words...

1 Peter 5: 2-4

Shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. Here is an example of how we should lead others and I believe we can take this example and apply it to the work we do as the USGSC. We exercise oversight; we're willing, and eager to be an example for our staff. Our USGSC has set forth 5 goals for 2016, let's put our energy together and see what we can accomplish in 2016.

The Chair acknowledges our Treasurer, Ms. Yvonne Elroy-Landers from Valdosta State University with the University Roll Call and final Treasurer's Report...

Institutional Roll Call and Treasurer's Report

The balance as of today is \$4,083.00. Thank you all for this. Now I will do the Roll Call. Roll call was taken.

Issued Check	-		\$4,108.30	Pattie Beblowski 10/1/2014 Meeting at Albany State
	185.97			
Issued Check	-25		\$4,083.30	Refund to Pattie Beblowski for double PMT
Total			\$4,083.30	

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Bobby Flowers and Geraldine Winns seconded the motion. All are in favor.

The Chair recognizes our Secretary, Ms. Pattie Beblowski from Georgia Southern University, for the approval our February 11th, 2015 minutes...

Minutes

Pattie Beblowski had made copies of the Minutes and asked if there were any changes or corrections that needed to be made. There was a motion to accept the minutes. All were in favor. The motion carried.

Nominating Committee

The Chair calls upon Ms. Geraldine Winns, the Chair of the USGSC Nominating Committee, to bring forth the slate of Candidates for the USGSC Officers. After the slate has been read, each candidate will be called upon to give a brief description of themselves and why they are running for this Office. A written ballot will be given to the voting delegate or authorized alternate for

each institution that is present. Each institution has one vote. The ballots will be counted and recorded by Ms. Gerri Winns and Ms. Ann Lay, a member of the Nominating Committee. Results will be given after the Campus Reports. Thank you.

Each nominee was asked by the Nomination Committee chair, Dr. Geraldine Winns, to come forward when their name was called. Each nominee was given the opportunity to introduce themselves to the USG Staff Council. The ballots were given to all financial institutions and the tallies as well.

Campus Reports. What's happening on your campus?

Announcement of the 2015-2016 New USGSC Officers

The envelope, please...And the winners are...Alberta Cook, Kennesaw State University, Chair-Elect; Erin Brannon, University of West Georgia, Treasurer; and Marie Mize, University of Georgia, Secretary.

CONGRATULATIONS to our New 2015-2016 Executive Committee!

This meeting is adjourned at 11:45 am. Our next meeting will be held here in Macon in July (TBD).

Thank you all for coming and do have a safe trip back!

Please note that the next page shows the nominees for office and the officers voted in.



USG Staff Council

2015 Nomination Committee Slate of Executive Officers

Winners

Chair-Elect

1. Alberta Cook, Kennesaw State University
2. _____

Treasurer

1. Ann Lay, Kennesaw State University
2. Erin Brannon, University of West Georgia
3. Yvonne Landers, Valdosta State university

Secretary

1. Marie Mize, University of Georgia
2. _____