**USG Staff Council Annual Conference Business Meeting Minutes**

**October 9, 2020**

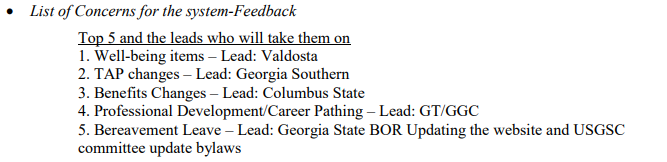
Meeting began at 11:16am

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| * Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College | No |
| * Albany State University | No |
| * Augusta University | Yes |
| * Clayton State University | Yes |
| * College of Coastal Georgia | No |
| * Columbus State university | Yes |
| * Dalton State College | No |
| * East Georgia State College | No |
| * Fort Valley State University | Yes |
| * Georgia College & State University | No |
| * Georgia Gwinnett College | No |
| * Georgia Highlands College | No |
| * Georgia Institute of Technology | Yes |
| * Georgia Southern University | Yes |
| * Georgia Southwestern State University | No |
| * Georgia State University | Yes |
| * Gordon State College | No |
| * Kennesaw State University | Yes |
| * Middle Georgia State University | No |
| * Savannah State University | No |
| * South Georgia State College | No |
| * University System of Georgia | No |
| * University of Georgia | Yes |
| * University of North Georgia | Yes |
| * University of West Georgia | No |
| * Valdosta State University | Yes |
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11 institutions represented at the meeting

Order of Business

1. Call to Order – Yvonne Landers
   1. Called the meeting to order at 11:16am.
2. Minutes of August 12, 2020 meeting – Dr. Terence Sullivan
   1. Approved by a simple majority of voting delegates with two minor corrections.
3. Financial Report – Jasper Stewart
   * 1. Balance in account: $6,232.26 – we are waiting on dues payments from 8 instituions.
4. President’s report – Yvonne Landers



These will be discussed at the next USGSC quarterly meeting in February 2021

1. Old Business
2. New Business
   1. Dr Brian Ring representing the USG Faculty Senate gave several updates on issues they are working on.
      1. The Georgia Tech initiative requesting proper PPE for employees caused major concerns around the system.
      2. Requests for release from on-campus teaching (in favor of virtual) has been an ongoing issue.
      3. Tech needs/access have been spotty across the USG for many faculty teaching remotely. Dr. Ring gave the example of Dalton State College which experienced many issues.
      4. Faculty post-tenure review policy revisions are being conducted.
3. Institution Reports – The following institutions gave reports for their campuses.
   1. **Valdosta State University** reported that the university celebrated 57 years of integration with a daylong set of events.
   2. **Georgia Institute of Technology** reported the following updates.
      1. Their staff council offers virtual office hours each Monday from 12-1pm.
      2. More town halls for all staff members related to COVID prep are being offered.
      3. Their council offered their first in-person event – a staff appreciation which included all safety protocols. Over 700 people attended, 40 at a time and enjoyed food, fun and music.
   3. **Georgia Southern University** reported the following updates.
      1. Their virtual meetings of the council are bringing more guests than there in-person meetings do.
      2. The council is meeting regularly with the administrative to navigate the response to COVID.
      3. The university is sponsoring a community food drive on all three campuses with food banks set up.
   4. **Georgia State** **University** reported the following updates.
      1. The council is supporting staff to vote by including a link to register to vote in their signature lines.
      2. The university will be participating in its benefits fair very soon.
      3. University president will be stepping down in June 2021. Chancellor Wrigley asked the council president to assist in the creation of a campus search committee.
      4. The website is being updated to include climate surveys, event into, etc.
   5. **University of North Georgia** reported the following updates.
      1. They have opened a new campus which is the fifth campus. This is located in Blue Ridge, GA.
      2. UNG has had an enrollment increase, especially at the graduate level which increased by 8%.
      3. The council is looking at more ways to successfully offer events in a virtual format.
   6. **Fort Valley State University** reported that they are offering more professional development opportunities particularly under the current circumstances to support their employees.
4. Adjournment – Yvonne Landers adjourned the meeting at 11:44am