



Staff Senate Meeting September 7, 2005 *the Voice*

September 7, 2005, Staff Senate session discussed the following items:

Transportation Alternatives for getting to, from, and around campus! As part of the university's comprehensive commuter benefits program, NCSU offers commuting options and support services for faculty, staff, and students - including UPASS (transit subsidy), carpool / vanpooling matching and preferred parking.

Amy Armbruster, Triangle Transit Authority (TTA), encourages all to participate in "Take the Smart Commute Challenge"! From August 15 - September 30, 2005, anyone employed in Wake, Durham, or Orange County or in Research Triangle Park is eligible to take the Challenge!

Pledge to try getting to work by an alternative method - carpooling, vanpooling, public transit, biking, walking, or telecommuting - at least once during the Challenge, and you could win one of over 30 great prizes! Visit <http://www.smartcommute.org/> to register and receive a green wrist band. These bands can be used for additional discounts.

The Annual Employee Appreciation Day and Benefits Fair is scheduled for Thursday, October 6th, from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM at the McKimmon Center.

The 2005 Employee Appreciation Week is going to be held from Monday, October 3rd to Friday, October 7th. A host of events are planned throughout the week. For more information, please contact Rob Stevenson, 515-4282 or visit <http://www7.acs.ncsu.edu/hr/ead/home/>

Tickets for the Eastern Kentucky Football Game September 17th are available. You may purchase tickets at NC State Ticket Office at 5400 Trinity Road (4th floor). Tickets are \$15 with a limit of 4 tickets or visit <http://gopack.collegesports.com/tickets/>

Hurricane Katrina Relief Efforts

In response to the tragic events on the Gulf Coast, NC State is taking a number of steps to offer assistance to those in need. For a list of Campus Relief Efforts visit <http://www.ncsu.edu/news/geninfo/oblingerltr090205.htm>

Campus Master Plan

Meetings to be held over coming months encourage information exchange. The next session will be September 26 at McKimmon Center.
<http://www.ncsu.edu/facilities/univ-arch/1-physical.htm>

Legislative increases will appear in September paychecks for SPA and in October checks for EPA . Increases are retroactive to July 1, 2005.

Please remember this is your Senate and your issues and concerns are important to us. If you do not know your Senator, visit our website at http://www.ncsu.edu/staff_senate/homepage.php.