



Staff Senate Meeting November 2, 2005 *the Voice*

November 5, 2005, Staff Senate session discussed the following items:

The Chair opened the session by announcing the guest speakers, Dr. Jose Picart, Vice-Provost of Diversity & African American Affairs. He was appointed to this position October 1, 2003.

Dr. Picart indicated he finds this to be a rewarding job. He spoke of several accomplishments:

- Created a diversity website that is accessible from the university home page.
- Established the GLBT (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender) Resource Center.
- Appointed the new Director of African American Center, Dr. Fred Hord.
- Created Student Ambassador Program.

The University is currently being investigated for using race inappropriately in admissions. All inquiries should be directed to Debbie Griffin, Public Affairs Office.

Staff Senate is sponsoring a Hurricane Katrina relief trip to Ocean Springs, Mississippi November 30 to December 4. Employees participating will help Fire Fighters rebuild hurricane-damaged homes. Supplies and people are needed to make this trip super successful! For more details contact Sandee Zechman at 515-2210.

Up to 24 hours of Community Service Leave can be used for the trip.

Flu Shots: Last day December 2, 7:00 am to 1:00pm.

BCBSNC, in cooperation with the State Health Plan (SHP), is offering free flu shots to SHP members, including dependents and retirees. Show up with a picture ID and your SHP Health Card.

The best news about the flu clinics this year is that not only can spouse, dependents and retirees participate, but anyone **not** enrolled in the SHP can also get the vaccination for \$25.00. Maxim Healthcare Services, contracted to provide the vaccinations, can only accept cash, checks, or Medicare Part B. Medicare Part B participants will not be required to pay the co-pay.

Announcement:

UNC President-Elect Erskine Bowles will be visiting the campus November 16th.

Nightwalk November 14th meets at Witherspoon at 7:00pm. This project focuses on campus safety, a partnership of Student Government, Facility Operations and Campus Police.

Staff Senate Contact Information:

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