



Staff Senate Meeting February 1, 2006 *the Voice*

February 1, 2006, Staff Senate session discussed the following items:

The Chair opened the session by announcing the guest speakers, Dr. Tim Luckadoo, Associate Vice Chancellor and Susan Grant, Director for Housing and Shelly Hoover-Plonk, Training Specialist for Training & Organizational Development.

Dr. Luckadoo and Susan Grant informed us of the many benefits of living on campus.

Housing is provided for 9000 students. Statistics show that students that live on campus are more likely to graduate. The many added extras help. Housing consists of apartments, residence halls, family housing, and living & learning villages. Many of the buildings are equipped with central areas for gathering. Family housing costs are below the average rental rates. Employees may use computer labs located in the buildings when space is available. The apartments are available to staff and faculty as well as students. For more details visit <http://www.ncsu.edu/housing/>.

2006-2007 Pathways Leadership Development Program Nominations has started.

Please contact your division/college nominator for the information. You may also contact Training & Organizational Development at 515-7844 for more details.

March 20, 2006 is the deadline for Pathways nominations.

<http://www.2.acs.ncsu.edu/hr/compass/certificateprograms.htm>

Proposal for university to be closed an additional two days. To assist with reducing the high-energy costs, the chancellor is looking into the idea of possibly of extending winter holiday break from December 22 to January 2 (Winter Holiday is December 25 – 27). The additional days would have to be paid out of the employee's vacation or comp time. Committees have been formed to work out the details for different scenarios. Details have not been announced.

Staff Senate Open Forum is scheduled for March 9 from 9:00am to 12:00pm in the Witherspoon Cinema. This is your chance to listen to and voice concerns about the following: Career-Banding, Healthcare, and Faculty and Staff Assistance Program (FASAP)! Chancellor Oblinger will be there to open the Forum.

University Awards for Excellence nominations began January 1, 2006. This recognition program is designed to reward the accomplishments and achievements of permanent NC State employees. These names will be submitted to a University Award for Excellence selection committee to determine the five University-level winners. Nominations should be mailed to Rob Stevenson by March 31, 2006. <http://www2.acs.ncsu.edu/hr/awardsa.html>

If you have any questions regarding the program, please contact your college/unit chairperson or the Benefits Office at 515-2151 or at employee@gw.fis.ncsu.edu

Employee Appreciation Day: The week long activities for Employee Appreciation have been moved to Spring Break, starting in 2007. This spring, there will be an Employee Appreciation Day game day. NC State Employees and a guest may attend the NC State vs. UCLA baseball game free. Metlife Insurance will sponsor refreshments.

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