



Staff Senate Meeting June 7, 2006

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June 7, 2006, Staff Senate session discussed the following items: The Staff Senate held its annual retreat at the McKimmon Center. The following items were discussed:

Barbara Carroll, Associate Vice Chancellor for Human Resources: On May 23, the university's executive officers unanimously approved revisions to the campus regulation on Direct Deposit of pay. The revised REG 05.45.1 is on the PRR website at: <http://www.ncsu.edu/policies/employment/payroll/REG05.45.1.php>. As of October 1, 2006, everyone paid through the University's payroll system will be paid by Direct Deposit as a condition of employment. In the coming weeks, Human Resources will be communicating with departments and individuals to ensure that anyone who is not presently enrolled in Direct Deposit gets signed up by October 1, 2006. Individuals may designate the financial institution of their choice (and may change their designation of bank at any time). If individuals do not otherwise have or designate their own account, the University will work with them to set up a special direct debit-card account for their pay. If you have any questions, please contact Franki Senter, Director of Payroll, at 515-2973 or franki_senter@ncsu.edu.

Career Banding: The Career Banding effort is ongoing for 1300 staff members, currently banding Administrative Support positions. General information sessions are being planned for later in the summer.

Alternative to State Health Plan: Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) - Last date for open enrollment is June 30th. Paperwork must be received in Human Resources by the end of the day June 30, 2006.

- Information sessions schedule: http://www7.acs.ncsu.edu/hr/news/ppo_announce.asp
- Program information: http://statehealthplan.state.nc.us/PPO/PPO_Overview.html. Enrollment packages are available for download.
- You may also contact your benefits counselor with any questions. To locate your department's counselor: <http://www7.acs.ncsu.edu/hr/benefits/counselor.asp>.

Open enrollment for the PPO Health Plan will be May 22 - June 30, 2006. If you have not received an enrollment package, please contact the University Benefits Office or download the information from the State Health Plan website. Coverage for the PPO plan will begin on October 1, 2006. One-hour workshops will be available on campus through June 22nd. For more information, visit www.statehealthplan.state.nc.us or 1-888-234-2416.

Computer loan program information can be found on the Staff Senate Website. If you are approved and no computers are available at the time, you will be placed on a wait list. http://www.ncsu.edu/staff_senate/news/news_001.htm

New Emergency Phone Number: Campus emergency phone number is now 911. Calling 911 from a university phone now reaches Campus Police directly, resulting in a quicker response time. Cell-phone users should dial the campus police general number, 515-3000 and indicate it is an emergency. Calls will be immediately connected to 911. Cell phones calling 911 (instead of 515-3000) will reach Raleigh emergency, which will take longer to connect to our campus police. The 515-3333 number will be kept as a backup during the transition.

Staff Senate Contact Information:

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