



Staff Senate Meeting March 7, 2007

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The March 7, 2007 Staff Senate session included the following items:

The Parliamentarian called the Staff Senate to order. There was no guest speaker at the March 7 meeting.

Senate elections are coming up soon. When you receive information about nominations and ballots, please participate in the selection of your representative.

There are 16 districts represented by Staff Senate. To find your district, and a link to your current Senator, check this web page: http://www.ncsu.edu/staff_senate/districts.htm. Senators are elected for a two-year term. During this time their representation of their constituents includes attending monthly Staff Senate meetings, actively participating on a committee, disseminating information to constituents, and communicating constituent concerns to Staff Senate.

The **Governance Committee** is responsible for elections. They will be taking a census of constituents in order to determine which districts will need to hold elections and handling nominations and ballots. Watch for more information.

The **Human Resources Committee** will be meeting soon to discuss the possibility of partner benefits at NCSU. They have recently addressed the issue of tuition waiver or assistance for family members of faculty and staff. They recommend referral to UNC Staff Assembly to consider for all 16 campuses.

The **Public Relations Committee** thanks everyone who visited the Staff Senate booth at McKimmon Center during Employee Appreciation Day. If you submitted a question to Staff Senate there and left contact information, we will answer you shortly.

Announcements:

- Annual Enrollment in the State Health Plan is March 1 through March 30, 2007 this year. Details regarding your options under the State's health insurance program were mailed to your home address. You will have the opportunity to change your coverage level or plan option. Visit the State Health Plan website for more information: <http://statehealthplan.state.nc.us/health-plan-options.html>
- Generic drugs will continue to be dispensed free of charge to State Health Plan members until the end of the month. Members will not be responsible for co-payments when they use a participating network pharmacy during this time.
- In response to constituents' concern about restricting employee parking near buildings under renovation and/or construction, we are reminded that safety is often an issue for employees in these areas. Some construction workers may park in these spaces, but many are transported from remote parking.

Committees:

In addition to those noted above, the following are also active Staff Senate committees:

- Resources and Environment
- Diversity
- Legislative

2006-2007 Staff Senate Officers:

Chair	J. C. Boykin
Chair-elect	Gail Willis
Vice-chair	Debbie Hunt
Secretary	Laura Massengill
Parliamentarian	Tom Hunter

Staff Senate Contact Information:

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.