



Staff Senate Meeting June 6, 2007

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The June 6, 2007 Staff Senate session included the following items:

Speakers:

The Chair opened the session by introducing Dr. Nancy Whelchel and Melissa Godwin from University Planning and Analysis.

Dr. Nancy Whelchel discussed the Staff Survey project.

The Staff Survey is being conducted to assess NC State staff well-being and identify noteworthy sub-group variations; identify strengths and challenges in programs/services/policies and the general campus climate to help campus leaders more effectively promote staff well-being among other respective constituents; identify new or previously unmet staff needs; and provide data to suggest directions for the allocation of limited resources to valued/preferred areas impacting staff well-being.

Topics currently being pursued and questions being formulated are: performance evaluation, working relationships, leadership and supervision, professional development and training, campus climate and diversity/multiculturalism, campus infrastructure, salary and benefits, work/life balance, recreation and wellness, work activities and organizational efficiency and service.

The survey is currently being constructed and is expected to be ready by February 2008. Results will then be tabulated and will be available in September 2008. The survey will be available online and paper-based.

Announcements:

The Legislature is still negotiating the budget, which includes any increase for state employees. So be sure to contact your Congressman and Senator to let them know you appreciate their support!

Staff Senate Committee Spotlight - Legislative Liaison Committee:

This committee's duties are to interact and develop positive working relationships with members of the North Carolina General Assembly. This year was a year of transition for the Legislative Liaison committee. With the departure of Andy Willis and the hire of Kevin Howell, a new relationship was fostered. The committee was able to meet with members of the House and Senate Appropriations Committee during budget negotiations. They were well received and were able to discuss the disparity between State Employee and Teacher raises over the past decade. They also discussed budget priorities for NC State. The committee spoke of the hard decisions the legislators were faced with and thanked them for their interest in the issues and concerns of NC State's staff members.

Mark Your Calendars!

Staff Senate Open Forum October 11, 2007

Open Forum is an annual event that provides employees an opportunity to hear current information on key issues and ask questions about their concerns. Last year's topics included State Health Plan, Career Banding, FASAP, Parking changes, a legislative update, and opening remarks by Chancellor Oblinger.

Watch for your opportunity to suggest a topic and/or speaker, coming up in the next few days!

Next Staff Senate meeting will be held during the Annual Retreat on Tuesday July 10, 2007 at McKimmon Center. Contact your Staff Senator for details.

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