



Staff Senate Meeting August 1, 2007

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The August 1, 2007 Staff Senate session included the following items:

Speakers:

The Chair opened the session by introducing NC State University Chancellor James Oblinger.

Chancellor Oblinger discussed the recently passed North Carolina state budget.

The North Carolina Legislature recently passed the 2007-2008 state budget. It provided some very needed resources for NC State University and the UNC System. Some highlights of the state budget are:

- \$35 million new dollars in financial aid for students
- 4% salary increase for SPA and EPA non-faculty and 5% increase for tenure faculty to bring them closer to 80% of market value
- Research competitiveness funds
- Graduate student recruitment and retention funds
- \$8.5 million for the North Carolina Research Campus in Kannapolis
- Future teachers scholarship fund

Funding for 3 capital projects – Randall B. Terry Jr. Companion Animal Hospital at the Vet School, James B. Hunt, Jr. Centennial Campus Library and Engineering Building III addition on Centennial Campus.

Chancellor Oblinger attended the groundbreaking ceremony along with Arnold Palmer for the new Lonnie Poole Golf Course on Centennial Campus. It is an Arnold Palmer designed course scheduled to open in the spring of 2009.

The newly redesigned NC State homepage will launch in 2-3 weeks. You can preview the new page at <http://www-new.ncsu.edu/>

The Hillsborough street project will begin soon, with the first phase to be the Pullen Road/Hillsborough Street intersection. NC State will be involved with the project and will provide assistance with beautification of the area.

Chancellor Oblinger closed by recognizing the highly anticipated 2007-2008 sports season. He recognized Sydney Lowe for his great coordination and leadership of the NC State men's basketball program. The football program is under new leadership by Coach Tom O'Brien, and the Chancellor anticipates great success under his leadership. And finally, Chancellor Oblinger recognized the tremendous courage and strength of Coach Kay Yow. She has undergone some personal battles this year, but still led the women's basketball team to the ACC title game and the sweet sixteen of the NCAA tournament.

Announcements:

Upcoming Events – Mark your calendars and watch for more information

- The 33rd annual **Service Recognition Luncheon** will be held on Wednesday August 29, 2007 at the McKimmon Center. <http://www.fis.ncsu.edu/hr/benefits/recognition.asp#luncheon>
- A University **Budget Forum** will be held on October 8, 3:30pm – 5:00pm.
- Staff Senate will host an **Open Forum** event on October 11, 9:00am-12:00pm. Speakers will present information and answer questions on current topics of interest to employees.

Officers for the 2007-2008 Staff Senate year were elected:

Chair	Gail Willis
Chair-elect	Laura Massengill
Vice-chair	Michelle Healey
Secretary	Ginger McGlamery
Parliamentarian	(vacant)

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