



# Staff Senate Meeting January 2, 2008

## the Voice

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The January 2, 2008 Staff Senate session included the following items:

**Speakers:**

The Chair opened the session by introducing Bill Padgett, President of Dix306.

**Bill Padgett** presented on the issue before the state and city of the Dorothea Dix property.

Mr. Padgett works with the grass roots organization, Dix306, to help create a World Class Destination Park in North Carolina. No other state capital has the opportunity to have a 21<sup>st</sup> century park. Dix306 has worked with Friends of Dorothea Dix Park to develop a plan that will save the existing open space and preserve the historically significant buildings.

The Friends of the Dorothea Dix Park Plan is being compared to the Urban Land Institute (ULI) Development Plan. Both plans have space for a park. However, the ULI plan does not create World Class Destination Park. It is instead just a community park. The ULI plan includes 258 acres to be developed into housing, office or retail space, leaving 210 acres for Dix Park. This development plan includes land beyond Dorothea Dix property out to Centennial Parkway. The Friends of Dorothea Dix Park (FDDP) Plan uses 306 acres as North Carolina's Central Park. It maintains the historic buildings, modifies Rocky Branch Creek flood plain, has a Great Field, and creates greenways to the Convention Center, Lake Raleigh and adjacent neighborhoods.

For more information about Dix306 please visit their website [www.DIX306.org](http://www.DIX306.org). Here you will find comparisons of the two plans, historical information and membership information to join the cause.

**Announcements:**

**Legislation** – There will be a new law in effect January 1, 2008 that will ban smoking from all state buildings as well as a 25' perimeter near entrance ways.

**Emergency Procedures** – The audible warning system is currently being installed and will be tested soon. In addition to the installation tests, a monthly test will be performed at noon on the first Monday of each month. This will be a short functional test using the "all clear" chime. Also, a full-volume test of the entire system will be conducted quarterly, utilizing the emergency pulsed tone.

**Tuition Waiver** – The Human Resource Committee of Staff Senate will be reviewing a draft of the Tuition Waiver from the Staff Assembly. (Staff Assembly is a group of Staff Senate members from all 16 UNC institutions.)

### N.C. State's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Polar Plunge for Special Olympics North Carolina

**Date:** February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008 (Groundhog Day!)  
**Registration Time:** 9:00 am  
*Plunge Time: 11:00 am*



**The Polar Plunge:**

On February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008, North Carolina State University will be holding its 3rd annual Polar Plunge for Special Olympics North Carolina! This event will kick off the N.C. State Police Department's fundraising efforts for the North Carolina Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. Those souls who brave the cold water will be rewarded with a warm tent to dry off in and hot chili to feast on after the event. And everyone will have an opportunity to donate at the event, as well as shop around in the bake sale, so remember to bring a bit of cash!

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### ELECTIONS

Want to make a difference on campus? Want to make sure your voice and the voice of other NC State employees is heard? Be a part of Staff Senate. Nominations will be sent out in the next month for open Staff Senate seats in your district. If you or someone you know is interested, nominate yourself and anyone else in your district!

**Staff Senate Contact Information:**

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