



## Staff Senate Meeting November 5, 2008

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The November 5, 2008 Staff Senate session included the following items:

#### **Speakers:**

The Chair opened the session by introducing Dr. Joe Zublena, Director of County Operations for the Cooperative Extension Services and Dr. Jim Zuiches Vice Chancellor for Extension, Engagement, and Economic Development.

**Dr. Joe Zublena** began his presentation by distributing information on North Carolina Cooperative Extension. He shared North Carolina Cooperative Extension partners with communities to deliver education and technology that enrich the lives, land and economy of North Carolina. Extension professionals in 100 counties and the Cherokee Reservation provide education and technical assistance based on research from the state's land-grant universities: NC State university and NC A&T State University. There are more than 55,000 volunteers who contributed 664,063 hours, valued at \$12.4 million.

Dr. Joe Zublena shared when the needs of people, communities, the environment and the economy change, so does Extension. Extension is dynamic. We use the latest technology to provide relevant, practical programs and technical assistance. Extension is multi-faceted. Our lives, our land and our economy are interdependent. Extension's programs and professionals work together to meet today's complex challenges.

North Carolina Cooperative Extension is focusing its efforts on nine major goals implemented by county field faculty and supported by university-based specialists.

- ❖ North Carolina will have profitable, environmentally sustainable plant, animal and food systems that support thriving communities and provide all North Carolinians access to safe, nutritious food.
- ❖ North Carolina's natural resources and environmental quality will be protected, conserved and enhanced, and ecosystem benefits will be optimized.
- ❖ The economic, social and environmental welfare of North Carolinians will be improved through the generation, conservation and use of clean, sustainable, efficient and reliable energy.
- ❖ North Carolinians will be prepared for and better able to recover from disasters and other emergencies.
- ❖ Adults and children of all ages and abilities will make healthy food choices and be physically active to achieve or maintain a healthy weight and prevent chronic disease.
- ❖ North Carolina residents at all stages of life use effective parenting and life skills to create stable, safe and secure environments.
- ❖ Youth and adults will achieve educational success through intentional nonformal and formal educational opportunities that expand and enhance skills and knowledge.
- ❖ North Carolina will excel in the global marketplace as a result of growing a competitive workforce and a diversified economy.
- ❖ North Carolinians will be civically engaged within their communities.

Dr. Joe Zublena ended his presentation by asking if there were any questions on Cooperative Extension. A question was raised on how Extension employees could participate on employee appreciation day. It was noted Extension employees did receive some gifts given from the previous employee appreciation day. Dr. Joe Zublena shared they would like for this outreach to continue and expressed gratitude to Senators for their concern to make sure Extension employees are acknowledged.

**Dr. Jim Zuiches** began his presentation by distributing handouts. Dr. Jim Zuiches explained the Office of Extension, Engagement & Economic Development provides leadership and vision for University partnerships with external communities in the land-grant tradition. We engage our departments and partners to extend knowledge resources and capabilities to improve North Carolina's economy and quality of life.

NC State faculty, staff, and students work together with business, industry, government, other universities, individuals, and groups to address a wide range of issues and challenges facing our state and the world.

Dr. Jim Zuiches ended his presentation asking Senators if there were any questions. He thanked the Staff Senate for having the opportunity to speak on the Office of Extension, Engagement, and Economic Development.

### **Announcements:**

#### **Open Forum and Issues**

Staff Senate would like to welcome you to our Open Forum website. Open Forum is an opportunity for employees to learn about current events and issues, ask questions, and provide their input. This year Staff Senate will be providing Open Forum topics online in lieu of an event. You can visit our website and under "Recent News and Events" click on Open Forum.

#### **John R. Larkins Award Nominations**

See attached sheet

#### **Faculty/Staff Appreciation Days**

See attached sheet

#### **NC State's Child Care Center**

NC State's Child Care Center, located in close proximity to

Centennial campus, opened its doors on August 4th to all full-time

faculty, staff and post-docs. The center, managed by Bright Horizons, accommodates ages ranging from infants to five year-olds. The university offers a subsidy reduction in the established rates based on household income. Openings still available.

#### **Officers for the 2008-2009 Staff Senate:**

Chair	Laura Massengill
Chair-elect	Steve Carlton
Vice-chair	Michelle Healey
Parliamentarian	Carrie Levow

#### **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/senators.htm](http://www.ncsu.edu/staff_senate/senators.htm). All Staff Senate meetings are open to the public, please join us! What can the Staff Senate do for you?

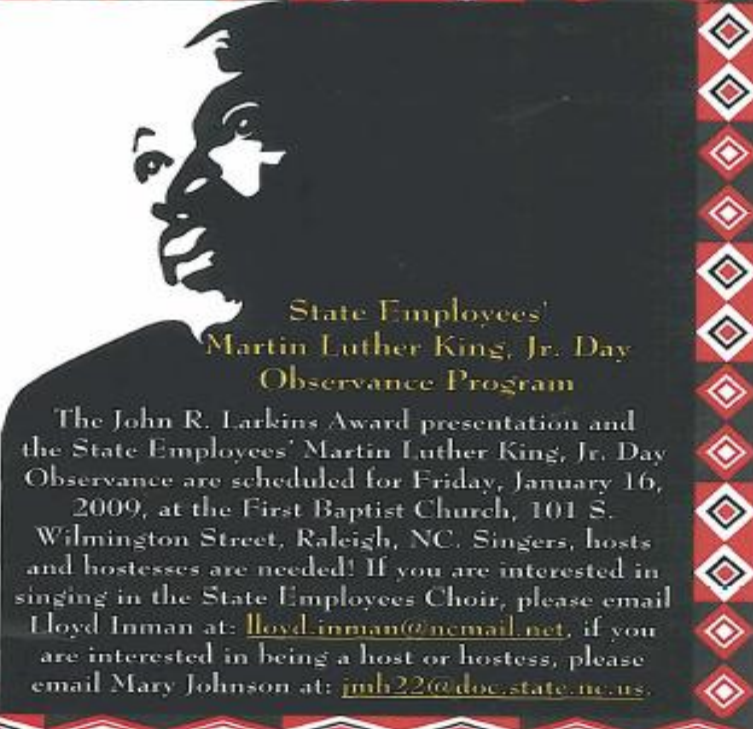
#### Staff Senate Updates

**Next Staff Senate Meeting: Wednesday, January 7, 2008**

**10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**Talley Student Center, Room 4115  
(Walnut Room)**

**Speakers for January: Dr. Mike Waldon  
Dr. Jose Picart**



**John R. Larkins  
Award Nominations**

Nominations for the John R. Larkins Award are underway. The award recognizes state government employees who are committed to equality for all, are dedicated to serving North Carolina citizens, and promote social responsibility in racial and ethnic relations. Nominations must be received no later than December 19, 2008! To obtain more information, contact Kathie Pierce at 919-733-5201. Nomination forms can be found online at: [www.governor.state.nc.us/office/MLKday.asp](http://www.governor.state.nc.us/office/MLKday.asp)

**State Employees'  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
Observance Program**

The John R. Larkins Award presentation and the State Employees' Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Observance are scheduled for Friday, January 16, 2009, at the First Baptist Church, 101 S. Wilmington Street, Raleigh, NC. Singers, hosts and hostesses are needed! If you are interested in singing in the State Employees Choir, please email Lloyd Inman at: [lloyd.inman@ncmail.net](mailto:lloyd.inman@ncmail.net), if you are interested in being a host or hostess, please email Mary Johnson at: [jmh22@doc.state.nc.us](mailto:jmh22@doc.state.nc.us).

## Faculty/Staff Appreciation Days

Game Tickets  
 \$15-WS State  
 \$20-FSU

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**NC State vs. Winston-Salem State**  
 Saturday, December 13th @ 2:00  
 @ Reynolds Coliseum

**NC State vs. Florida State**  
 Tuesday, January 12th @ 7:00  
 @ the RBC Center

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Game Tickets  
 \$15-WS State  
 \$20-FSU

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