



# The Voice

## August 4, 2010

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The following provides information and updates from the August 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the NC State University Staff Senate.

### **Speaker:**

Kelley N. Eaves-Boykin, UNC Staff Assembly Chairman

Although the Faculty Assembly has been in existence for more than 40 years, it wasn't until 2006 that the Staff Assembly was established. For several years prior to its establishment, Staff Senate leaders from all campuses began meeting in an effort to organize a body representing all UNC staff. In 2006, under UNC President Bowles, the Staff Assembly was established to represent the staff of all UNC campuses, UNC Public Television, the North Carolina Arboretum, and General Administration.

As the second Chair of the Staff Assembly, Kelly N. Eaves-Boykin has been leading the assembly during a difficult economic time. Understanding the economic impact on UNC system staff, she developed a platform based on enhancing staff participation on campus to bring greater satisfaction to staff in their daily work lives. The platform emphasizes four action items:

1. Communication – between the UNC President and the Staff Assembly on matters affecting UNC staff; and among campus administration, Staff Senate leaders, and the Staff Assembly.
2. Collaboration – between faculty and staff on campuses and across campuses to work together toward campus initiatives (e.g., Have a Heart Campaign).
3. Community Service – all staff have community service leave hours and should not let those hours go unused.
4. Staff Development – both professional development/learning and health/wellness.

The Staff Assembly will be launching a new website in the coming months. The website will bring up-to-date news from the Staff Assembly and campus Staff Senates, as well as various resources for staff (e.g., training opportunities, fitness and wellness information, etc.). For more information about the Staff Assembly, contact Kelley at [kneavesb@uncc.edu](mailto:kneavesb@uncc.edu).

### **Administrative News:**

Provided by Barbara Carroll, Associate Vice Chancellor for Human Resources

Revised Expenditure Guidelines have been published on NC State's Budget Central Website ([http://www.fis.ncsu.edu/rm/budget\\_central/](http://www.fis.ncsu.edu/rm/budget_central/)). The legislature authorized the university system institutions to implement furloughs if needed to balance their 2010-2011 budgets. At this time, it is not anticipated that NC State will need to resort to furloughs this year.

The State Employees' Combined Campaign is an annual program that allows state employees to make tax-deductible contributions to any number of about 900 charities. The University is currently looking for ways to make this campaign even more successful than in previous years. If you have ideas on how to make the campaign more successful, please send them to [corrinda\\_watkins@ncsu.edu](mailto:corrinda_watkins@ncsu.edu).

### **Announcements and Updates:**

Chair Randy Colby attended the University Council Retreat at which Chancellor Woodson's new strategic plan was discussed. The plan consists of 9 strategic priorities for the University. A task force for each priority will be established with opportunities for staff representation. Additional information is forthcoming.

For complete Staff Senate meeting minutes, go to the Staff Senate website ([http://www.ncsu.edu/staff\\_senate/minutes.htm](http://www.ncsu.edu/staff_senate/minutes.htm)). Meeting minutes are posted after approval by the Staff Senate.

### **Officers for the 2009-2010 Staff Senate:**

Randy Colby, Chair  
David DeFoor, Chair-elect  
Joan Lassiter, Vice-chair  
Carrie Levow, Parliamentarian

Upcoming Staff Senate meetings (10:00am-12:00pm Talley Student Center, Walnut Room): September 1, October 6, and November 3, 2010

Upcoming Executive Committee meetings: August 18 (tentative), September 15, and October 20, 2010

**What can the Staff Senate do for you?** 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!**