

NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY-approved version
Staff Senate Meeting
Faculty Senate Chambers, DH Hill Library
Wednesday May 2, 2007

Call to Order: The 10th meeting of the 13th session was called to order at 10:00am.

Roll Call: A roll call was performed by Laura Massengill to ensure accurate attendance records.

Approval of April 4, 2007 Meeting Minutes: The minutes were approved with two corrections.

Guest Speakers: Dr. Tim Luckadoo, Associate Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and John Mountz, Director of Greek Life

The Power Point presentation of new “Greek Village” concept began with an overview of the Greek community which consists of 42 organizations and 1800 students, approximately 9% of the undergraduate population. There has been 36% increase of participation in the Panhellenic Association in the last five years. It was reported that 24 of the 42 organizations have community housing; 11 of the 24 are located on Greek Court. There was an overview of current housing on Greek Court. Greek chapters lease these homes from the University. It was noted that Greek Court has an ideal location between main and Centennial campuses and room for expansion. There is space for at least 20 chapter houses and common amenities which will become the hub of fraternity and sorority life on campus. There were plan design overviews of the University Master Plan, the current Greek Court and planned Greek Village.

The success of the University of South Carolina’s redevelopment of their Greek housing community was noted as influential in these current plans. It was also noted that this redevelopment had a positive impact on University fundraising, was a source of institutional pride and increased the involvement of Greek Alumni.

The redevelopment strategy at NCSU was designed by a task force appointed by Chancellor Oblinger in May 2006. Their recommendations include having the new land use plan developed in phases, improve campus connectivity, involve a land-lease opportunity, replace outdated infrastructure, involve alumni groups, offer a variety of house sizes and designs and include townhouse rental units. The financial plan for this redevelopment was reviewed; infrastructure costs will be shared by University and Greek Organizations, commons building and amenities constructed with gifts and campus partners, townhouses build as self-liquidating housing project, and individual houses constructed by alumni house corporation who will raise construction funds. The current design work continues with initial cost estimates and phasing information is due in late October.

There was an overview of the project’s timeline broken down by phases, work will begin in 2009 and will be completed in 2019. Basic plan details were also reviewed; 40-year land lease with 40-year renewal option, rental billing will be handled through the University Cashier’s Office, NC State police and fire departments will have jurisdiction over this development, all University policies, rules and regulations will be enforced.

Budget Report: Corrinna Watkins, Executive Assistant

Ms. Watkins reported a substantial balance remains.

Administrative Report: Barbara Carroll, Associate Vice Chancellor of Human Resources

There was no report given.

Committee Reports:

Chair:

The Chair reported on his myriad meetings and events attended during the past month.

The Vice Chair reported on the discussions at the May 16th Executive Committee meeting on behalf of the Chair who was not able to attend that meeting. There was no quorum at this meeting; therefore no actions were taken that required a vote. Attendance issues were discussed. Committee members agreed that by-laws need to be carefully reviewed to best decide how to handle attendance enforcement and removal from office for excessive meeting absences. It was recommended that an ad hoc committee be formed and charged with establishing procedures for how and when to contact Senate members in attendance jeopardy and whether to consider work-related matters when unable to attend a meeting. There were four volunteers to serve on this committee. It was recommended that some Governance Committee members serve on this ad hoc committee.

Executive Committee members provided topic and panelist suggestions to the Public Relations committee for the annual Open Forum.

There was discussion of representation by committee chairs on the Executive Committee and amount of votes per committee. Old precedent was to have one Chair and a Chair Elect for Staff Senate subcommittees, currently more Co-Chairs are assuming leadership roles. It was recommended that this issue be further reviewed, the bylaws consulted and a voting policy be set in place.

Vice Chair:

There was an Issue of Concern received regarding staff representation on University Standing Committees. The Chair Elect will seek clarification of staff designations. Executive Committee members will review staff committee appointments and devise a consistent appointment strategy.

Chair Elect:

The Chair Elect gave a review of the upcoming Staff Senate retreat, scheduled for Tuesday July 10th from 8:00am through 4:00pm at the McKimmon Center.

Governance:

The election process is near completion. Committee members hope to have the results ready for announcement at the June meeting. The election for District 14B is being handled separately and is still underway.

Human Resources:

The Committee Chair is serving on the staff Climate and Well-Being Survey committee; this survey will target SPA and non-faculty EPA staff members. The survey will be prepared by University Planning and Analysis. Anyone interested in reviewing the recent Faculty Climate and Well-Being Survey: www2.acs.ncsu.edu/upa/survey/faculty. Suggestions for additional topics are welcome and may be addressed to Michelle Healy (mmhealy@ncsu.edu).

A review of partner benefits at peer institutions is underway. UNC-CH and UNC-Wilmington offer some partner benefits for staff members. Committee members discussed their efforts to pursue these benefits being offered at NCSU. Staff member input regarding partner benefits should be included in the climate survey.

Committee members had a general discussion about the ongoing Staff Senate elections and agreed that the constituent list for District 14B should be generated by CALS Human Resources personnel.

Diversity:

Committee members focused on generating ideas for inclusion in the upcoming Staff Climate and Well-Being survey. They prepared a draft of a diversity survey.

The Women's Professional Development Conference will be held June 8th at the McKimmon Center.

Public Relations:

Committee members are concentrating their efforts assisting the Chair Elect with retreat planning. They are also in final edit stage of the updated Staff Senate brochure.

Resources and Environment:

There was no report given; the committee did not meet this month.

Legislative Liaison:

Committee members reviewed the impending House budget and noted a surplus in funding of \$1.1billion. The Legislature has formed its committees for the current term. This committee is working with Kevin Howell to schedule time to meet with members of the Senate Appropriations Committee. SEANC MAT (Member Action Team) training is May 7th; May 8th is MAT day at the General Assembly. Committee members composed a salary inequity chart to highlight pay deficiencies and pay raises that do little to keep up with annual inflation rates.

Old Senate Business:

There was no Old Senate Business discussed.

New Senate Business:

Senator Elbert Turner proposed the Staff Senate prepare a resolution in support of Virginia Tech, possibly working in tandem with the UNC System Staff Assembly.

Announcements:

Torch Run t-shirts are available for purchase from Campus Police; proceeds support the NC Special Olympics.

Following a proposal by Senator E'very Ware, the Public Relations committee will review arranging Staff Senate team sponsorship during next year's Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure fundraising event.

Remarks:

There were no remarks.

Adjournment:

The 10th meeting of the 13th session was adjourned at 11:15am.

Next Staff Senate Meeting:

Wednesday June 7, 2007
10:00am-12:00pm
Faculty Senate Chambers
DH Hill Library

Next Executive Committee Meeting:

Wednesday May 16, 2007
10:00am-12:00pm
Room 1115, Admin Services I Building

Submitted by: Judith Strickland, Administrative Secretary
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