

University System of Georgia Staff Council Quarterly Meeting
Georgia College Macon Graduate Center
Wednesday May 7, 2014
Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Albany State University, Columbus State College, East Georgia State College, Georgia Regents University, Georgia Southern University, Kennesaw State University, North Georgia University, Southern Polytechnic State University, University of Georgia, Valdosta State University

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:20 a.m. by the University system of Georgia Staff Council Chair, Ms. Geraldine (Gerri) Winns of Albany State University. Ms. Gerri welcomed all and thanked them for traveling to Macon.

Institutional Roll Call and Treasurer's Report

At our February meeting the balance was \$4,123.27. We had two checks of \$77. These checks were issued to cover the hotel costs for Kim Douglas and Geraldine Winns for the USG Staff Council Conference. This brings the balance to \$3,967.20. The FY15 Dues form will be sent to the institutions via Listserv. The due date is August 1, 2014. Beverly (Valdosta) motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report and Tim seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Nominees Presented

Chair Elect

Tim Aldridge, North Georgia University
Victoria Worsham, Georgia Regents University

Secretary

Patricia Beblowski, Georgia Southern University
Kendria Lee, Georgia Southern University

Treasurer

Yvonne Elroy-Landers

After the election the new officers are:

Tim Aldridge, Chair-Elect
Patricia Beblowski, Secretary

Yvonne Elroy-Landers, Treasurer

Geraldine Winns – Chair

Ms. Gerri mentioned that the Executive Committee will be meeting with Chancellor Fedrick in Atlanta. Ms. Federick had asked if there was anything we needed immediately. She has attended meetings where there were questions about funds.

Strategic Plan – Ms. Marion hasn't seen it yet. Ms. Gerri will send it to us. She wanted the Staff Council to see it before she sends to Ms. Marion. A member asked if we have some ideas – Ms. Gerri said that she did.

Brenda Keen – question on how we are using the listserv. The listserv was originally intended for the Chair/Chair-Elect/Past Chair at all institutions to communicate business. At one point the list was opened for all. It is intended to elicit a quick response. BOR members have it and are monitoring it. Its use has been much better recently.

Ms. Gerri – we want to bridge the gap. We want to keep it positive. Then the BOR will know that answers given and those problems were resolved.

Deborah Chimeno, Chair Elect

Deborah Chimeno, current Chair-Elect, congratulated all of the newly elected 2014-2015 Executive Board Officers, Tim Aldridge from UNG (Chair-Elect), Ms. Pattie Beblowski from Georgia Southern (Secretary) and Ms. Yvonne Elroy-Landers from Valdosta State (Treasurer). Deborah also gave a tentative quarterly meeting schedule as follows:

July 9 th	Held in Macon at 10:00AM
October 1 & 2	Annual USGSC Conference - Albany State University (20th Anniversary of the USGSC)
February 11th, 2015	Held in Macon at 10:00AM
May 13th, 2015	Held in Macon at 10:00AM (Elections for new Officers 2015-2016)

Deborah stated that at our July 9th meeting, USGSC committees will be formed (Public Relations Committee, Bylaws Committee, Nomination Committee and Annual Conference Committee). We have work to do this year and my interest lies with the following topics (with Staff Council approval):

TAP-Extend to immediate family members (spouse, children, step-children, foster children and grandchildren);include on-line courses, certification courses (e.g. Real Estate brokers license)for all

Bereavement paid days off (over and above paid sick time and paid vacation time)

Paid time off per week to exercise for all USG employees (90 minutes per week to go to gym, take yoga class, walking club, cycling club etc.)

Listing of future USG Staff Council Annual Conferences:

2014	Albany States – October1-2
2015	Columbus

2016 Southern Polytechnic State University
2017 Georgia Southern University
2018 ABAC
2019 Georgia College and State University
2020 Kennesaw State University

Deborah Chimeno mentioned that the past chairs will be invited to the 20th Annual USG Staff Council Conference in Albany.

A question was brought up regarding voting alternates – If both the delegate and alternate are not able to attend, can another representative attend as a voting alternate? This will have to be discussed. If it is allowed, the Board would have to be notified in advance.