

# Staff Council Quarterly Meeting

February 17, 2021, 2:00 PM

## Online Zoom Meeting

- I. Introductions and roll call: John Cheatham (Chair) – Members present listed below
  - a. Blue Ridge: Anna Speessen (Vice Chair)
  - b. Cumming: Lauren Garcia (Vice Chair), Meredith Higgins, Daniel Bell (Alternate)
  - c. Dahlonga: Scott Marshall (Vice Chair), Freda Thornton (Treasurer), Karen Armstrong, Lara DeBlois, Candis Hill, Donna Steele, Morgan Stovall, Katie Descieux (Alternate)
  - d. Gainesville: Kevin Young (Vice Chair), Tara Bailey, Rhonda Dowell, Joslyn Hilliard, Jeannie Nash,
  - e. Oconee: Molly Hodges (Vice Chair), Rebecca Carter
- II. Presentation from Steve Stubbs – CPOS (Course Plan of Study) – Federal law states that financial aid can only pay for classes in degree program. In the past, there's never been a good way of tracking this. Now in Banner, we can track this through DegreeWorks. Effective Spring 2022, Financial Aid will run this after drop/add to verify that registered courses are part of degree program for students. Right now, we're testing this process over the next several months.
- III. Approval of Meeting Minutes from August: Posted on Staff Council website.
  - a. Motion: Scott Marshall, Seconded by Kevin Young
- IV. Chair Updates:
  - a. USG Quarterly Meeting
  - b. Presidential Kudos – Spirit of Christmas raised 1,731 pounds of food and 333 toys!
  - c. Remote working during closure note – HR has said do not do remote work during closure unless you are classified as essential.
  - d. Vice Chairs, remember to update your member list on Teams
  - e. COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout – Greg Williams gave update to DAH Staff Council after first day of this but was unable to attend today.
- V. Treasurer's Report: Freda Thornton
  - a. FY2021 spent is not much (1750 account), Cumming has spent some, spent \$1,400 out of \$25,000 for Staff Development.
  - b. Get receipts in for events before the end of May.
- VI. Campus Updates: Campus Vice-Chairs
  - a. BLU – Anna – Nothing really to report. No more COVID testing in county – students are asked to drive to Woodstock. Anna reached out to Greg for options.
  - b. CMG – Lauren – Cumming Leadership Council is now virtual, for all staff, now doing grab and go breakfast.
  - c. DAH – Scott – New Chair – distributed a bunch of prizes and thank you notes, looking for spring fundraiser since chili cookoff isn't really an option, COVID testing and residents/athletics risk
  - d. GVL – Kevin – slow after Good Neighbor drive, preparing for this fall's Helpful Harvest
  - e. OCN – Molly – fundraiser last week – candy hearts in a jar and guesses, raised some money, next week doing chili lunch pickup
- VII. Committees Updates:
  - a. Public Relations – Jeannie Nash, Chair – Nothing other than making some announcements for GVL Book Scholarships – please send any announcements her way

- b. Nominations and Elections – Rebecca Carter, Daniel Bell, Lauren Garcia, Meredith Higgins, Tara Baily are all members – need a chair
  - c. Staff Development – Derek Sutton, Chair (absent) – Freda noted that people are applying, but there are plenty of funds still available.
  - d. Welcome – Rachel Hastreiter, Chair (absent) – Lauren, Karen, and Jeannie gave campus updates
  - e. Staff Awards - Wakeitha Cunningham, Chair (absent but sent report)
    - i. I have been working on certificates for all staff that has been nominated since April of last year, these are recognition certificates. I will be reaching out to staff awards committee members on the different campuses to help with disbursing the certificates to the individuals receiving the awards as soon as possible, hopefully by the end of the month.
- VIII. Plans and Projects for this year: Chair
- a. Bylaws update – Today presenting updated bylaws to be voted on at next quarterly meeting
  - b. Quarterly Meetings (August, November, February, May)
- IX. New Business:
- a. Relay for Life – June 12 on the Gainesville campus – if interested, please contact Kevin Young, meet on the first Monday of the month via Zoom
  - b. Compliance Workgroup

Motion to adjourn at 1:41 PM by Kevin Young, seconded by Scott Marshall

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