

Staff Council Quarterly Meeting

May 27, 2021, 1:02 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: Meredith Higgins, Daniel Bell (Alternate)
 - c. Dahlonga: Scott Marshall (Vice Chair), Freda Thornton (Treasurer), Lara DeBlois, Morgan Stovall, Derek Sutton, Chandler Alligood, Katie Descieux (Alternate)
 - d. Gainesville: Jeannie Nash, Christy Morrison, Joslyn Hilliard, Tara Bailey, Rachel Hastreiter
 - e. Oconee: Molly Hodges (Vice Chair), Rebecca Carter
- II. Approval of Meeting Minutes from February: Posted on Staff Council website.
 - a. Motion: Scott Marshall, Seconded by Derek Sutton
- III. Chair Updates:
 - a. USG Quarterly Meeting
 - b. Remote working policy changing at end of June
 - i. We will transition in the coming weeks to pre-COVID operations. We appreciate that many faculty and staff have been fully on campus since last fall and that others have returned to campus fully since then. COVID-19 Alternative Work Arrangements or accommodations granted to employees due to increased risk for severe illness will end no later than June 30, 2021, and all employees are expected to return to their previous work arrangement by that time. Likewise, Alternate Educational Arrangements granted to students for Fall 2020 or Spring 2021 due to COVID-19 will end no later than June 30, 2021. All students are expected to return to their traditional educational arrangement this fall.
 - c. Vice Chairs, remember to update your member list on Teams
- IV. Treasurer's Report: Freda Thornton
 - a. Done pretty good on money – just got GVL invoice and waiting on DAH Aramark invoice.
 - b. Scholarships – Dr. Jacobs donated \$100 so each campus got \$20 added.
- V. Campus Updates: Campus Vice-Chairs
 - a. BLU – Anna – No update.
 - b. CMG – Meredith and Daniel –CLC meetings have been great – providing breakfast for all staff, St. Patrick's Day potluck type gathering
 - c. DAH – Scott – Staff Appreciation Breakfast after classes ended and served over 122 people
 - d. GVL – Jeannie – Completed Relay for Life, low attendance overall but \$1,356 raised by UNG teams and collected a bunch of non-perishables to donate to UNG pantry. Contact Kevin Young if interested in joining. Also, Brown Bag Luncheon throughout June and July, Staff Council has included 50 lunch boxes for two of these, preparing for Helpful Harvest 2021 – if anyone knows businesses that could donate, please contact Joslyn
 - e. OCN – Molly – Very quiet on campus so not really events, there was a staff appreciation lunch, but executive director covered it
- VI. Committees Updates:
 - a. Public Relations – Jeannie Nash, Chair – ad campaign for new members, book scholarships

- b. Nominations and Elections – Karen Armstrong, Chair – Need more nominations, especially for Blue Ridge and Gainesville
 - i. Chair
 - ii. Treasurer
 - iii. Vice-Chairs
 - c. Staff Development – Derek Sutton, Chair – Certifications not allowed, whole process of resubmission
 - d. Welcome – Rachel Hastreiter, Chair – Not a lot of hirings but updating spreadsheet for campuses every month, rolling off so new chair will be needed
 - e. Staff Awards – No Chair – Meredith and Karen have been working on certificates of appreciation.
- VII. Plans and Projects for this year: Chair
- a. Bylaws update – Voting on new bylaws today - passed
- VIII. New Business:
- a. Please nominate new members
 - b. Committee chairs for next year
 - c. Discussion about Peace Officers Memorial Day email
 - d. Website link
 - e. Next quarterly meeting to be set by next year’s chair.
 - f. Spirit of Christmas and Helpful Harvest, please keep those on your radar

Motion to adjourn at 1:41 PM by Joslyn Hilliard, seconded by Christy Morrison

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