

Meeting 9 AY 2019/20

Friday, April 3, 2020 9:00 a.m.

Ember Bentley, Wendy Bloodworth, Sandy Callaway, Sara Darsey, Octavia Day, Estella Dennard, Kanasha Grace, Wanda Green, Cindy Hardy, Felicia Haywood, Teresa Lorick, Rose Patti, Shirley Plummer, Terri Reckart, Vicky Smith, Leigh Ann Tate, Yolanda Traylor

Yulonda Banks, Allen Chastain, Susan Collins, Elizabeth Douglas, Amy Ingram, Jennifer Jones, Jamie Loyd, Daphne Murchison, Katie Roberts, Cassandra Werden, Tiffany Wright

Dr. Christopher Blake

The meeting began with Dr. Blake speaking to the Staff Council. Dr. Blake spoke to Staff Council about the Georgia Governor's order to shelter in place. Dr. Blake will send an e-mail describing this order to campus today. May and Summer Semesters will be online for students. It is likely USG telework will continue to end of July. Fall semester may also be disrupted if there is continued spread of the virus. Telework is vital to MGA. Some staff cannot telework due to the nature of their jobs. Salaries will still be paid to these employees. Refer to e-mail Dr. Blake sent to campus on April 2, 2020 for details. Also welcomed Dr. Debra Matthews into her new assignment as Interim Provost beginning Monday, April 6, 2020.

At 9:12 a.m., Felicia Haywood called the meeting to order.

Felicia Haywood asked for approval of the agenda. Octavia Day motioned to approve. All were in favor.

Felicia Haywood asked for any corrections to last meeting's minutes. Sandy Callaway motioned to approve the minutes. All were in favor.

Felicia Haywood reported that the shared governance webpage has been updated with the Staff Council Committee and members' information.

The cost for food for the Staff Development Day held in Cochran was \$576.75. The current Staff Council balance will be updated by Amy Ingram at a later time.

Microsoft Teams has been set up for Staff Council. Staff Council may explore how to utilize this tool.

Teresa Lorick has received a list of staff members eligible for Staff Council on April 2, 2020. The committee is currently working on the nominations and ballot and hope to be complete by April 15th. The nominations request will be sent out along with 7 Reasons to Join Staff Council. Staff Council members can and should make recommendations for replacements, if they are currently rolling off Staff Council. Recruitment is important for Staff Council.

Terri Reckart reported that the Staff Council polos are currently on hold, but she will reach out to the bookstore to see about ordering the shirts and having them shipped to Staff Council members. There was a suggestion that the shirts could be worn on our first days back on campus.

Felicia Haywood reported that the Cochran Staff Development Day was a success. The keynote speaker was excellent. The variety of the breakout sessions were very good and well received. Reviews were collected from attendees at the end of the day and the feedback is positive.

Felicia Haywood read a report from Vicky Smith regarding Staff Awards. USG has been reviewing faculty and staff award structures at all institutions. MGA's current awards are not in compliance with USG policy due to the issuance of monetary awards. MGA's faculty and staff award nomination processes should go forward as normal, and when USG's policy has been revised and issued, MGA will work to review the awards and come in compliance with the revised USG policy.

Several updates were received from Staff Council members on their transitions to

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Respectfully Submitted,

Terri Rekart

Rose Patti

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