

Middle Georgia State University Staff Council Meeting

Friday, October 13, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

Online Meeting-Microsoft Teams

Present: Keisha Fields, Pamela Booker, Carla Higgs, Shunterria Howard, Tammy Coody, Randy Thompson, Elaine Martin, Ashley Thompson, Rosetta Hudson, Tucker Felkins, Steven Stefano, Lisa George, April Renfroe-Warren, Deneice Bausley, Rose Brown, Tonya Johnson, Jessica Williams, Wanda Green, Jan Mimbs, Rachel Ashman, Tiffany Wright, Nancy Turknett, Dana Casper, Faith Anderson, Charles Richardson

Guest: President Christopher Blake

Call to Order:

Keisha Fields called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Approval of Minutes and Agenda:

Minutes and agenda were approved.

Old Business:

Keisha Fields turned the meeting over to President Blake.

President Blake said that MGA is submitting its enrollment data to the University System of Georgia soon, and that we have seen a 4.5% increase in enrollment, giving us around 8,000 students total. Dr. Blake said this is great news, and he is grateful that Academic Affairs has been working hard on retention.

Dr. Blake said he felt optimistic about MGA's enrollment for this year and how it will affect our next fiscal year in terms of budget planning. Dr. Blake stressed the importance of focusing on MGA's Strategic Plan, specifically implementing it in ways that allow for flexibility and variety over the different campuses, but still unites us with common strategies and clear outcomes.

Dr. Blake mentioned two upcoming events that support the goals of the Strategic Plan: Dinner in the Hanger on the Eastman campus and the President's Gala on the Macon campus.

President Blake thanked staff members for their support.

students to meet different people in the university that they may need to reach out to later on for assistance. Jessica added that if anyone was interested, please send her an email.

The meeting was turned back to Keisha Fields, who then turned it over to Elaine Martin to discuss two upcoming seminars on the Macon campus. MGA's Assessment and Care Team partnered with the Office of Campus Culture and Community to provide training on resiliency, trauma, and community, and how they interact. The training will cover how to support individuals who have gone through trauma by bringing the community together, as well as exploring how to model resiliency for children. Elaine said that if anyone had any questions, please reach out.

The meeting was turned back over to Keisha. Keisha said the only old business that she had was

