

Tuesday November 7, 2023

11:45 AM-1:00 PM Chancellor's Dining Room

1. Call to Order: Timothy Sampson @ 12:01

2. Roll Call by Secretary: Timothy Sampson for Devin Britt

- **a.** <u>Members Present:</u> Timothy Sampson, Jocelyn Graham, Phyllis Smith, Phillip Bullard, Paula Cummings, Kristie Hunt, Sarah Hunt, Steven Locklear, Whitney Locklear, Enka Oxendine, Penny Oxendine, Courtney Page
- **b.** <u>Members Absent</u>: Devan Britt, Shawnda Cummings, Tara Hunt, Concetta Bullard, Shania McMillian

3. Approval of Agenda

- a. 1st Motion: Kristie Hunt
 b. 2nd Motion: Enka Oxendine
- c. Agenda Approved

4. Reports/Remarks from Guest

- a. Angela Revels, AVC for Human Resources
 - Highlighted Sandy Jacobs being named 2023 Governor's Award for Excellence recipient
 - Ginger App, an app that offers confidential, on-demand emotional and mental health support, is now Headspace Care
 - UNCP Braves Card can be used as identification in municipal elections
 - October paychecks included the 4% pay increase and retro payment amounts; November paycheck should show true reflection for only the 4% increase
 - Veteran's Day is a floating holiday that's observed during winter break
 - Like and follow their new Facebook page at: UNC-Pembroke Office of Human Resources
 - 2024 UNC System Employee Engagement Survey will be available around late March or early April
 - i. Timothy asked Angela to also give some insight on the following topics:
 - 1. Expanded Paid Parental Leave
 - a. Allowed 8 weeks within 12-month period
 - 2. Compensation and Hiring Flexibility
 - a. Relaxing requirement of having Bachelor or Masters Degrees
 - 3. Career Banding
- **b.** Gabe Eszterhas, VC for Finance and Administration Not Present
- c. Mark Locklear, SECC Campaign
 - Provided members with SECU Foundation 2023 Giving Guide
 - Encouraged everyone to find an issue that they were passionate about and let it compel them to give. Mark's example was: Military
 - Contact Dr. Calvina Ellerbe or Mark Locklear for any questions or concerns regarding charities. There are currently over 750 charities.

5. Chairs Report: Timothy Sampson

- Thanked Jocelyn Graham for conducting the October 3rd meeting in his absence
- Referenced the UNC System Staff Assembly Meeting that was held in Wilmington, NC from October 22 thru 24, 2023

- i. Chair, Crystal Woods passed the gravel to newly elected Chair, Shayna Hill who assumed the position on October 24, 2023
- ii. UNC System gifted Crystal Woods with blanket
- Medical coverage will change from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina (BCBSNC) to Aetna Health in January 2025
- Staff Senate has been overseeing a total of 15 projects:
 - i. Six projects are active
 - ii. Two have been tabled:
 - 1. Student Health possibly allowed to provide services to faculty and staff
 - 2. Compensation beyond contracts
 - iii. One has been completed:
 - 1. Staff Senate granted \$5K

6. Committee Chair Reports

- a. Budget Committee: Phyllis Smith
 - 1. The purchase order approved for Christmas ornaments, waiting for shipment to arrive from Carolina Specialties
- **b.** Publications & Information: Timothy Sampson for Devan Britt
 - 1. Timothy Sampson now has WIC access for Staff Senate page
 - 2. He will be updating webpage by adding September and October meeting minutes
- c. Constitution: Jocelyn Graham
 - 1. No Updates
- d. Scholarship: Timothy Sampson for Devan Britt
 - 1. Nothing to report; scholarships for the year have already been awarded
- e. Election Committee: Timothy Sampson
 - 1. There were 19 individuals nominated; 11 individuals have accepted the position
 - 2. Request to have deadline date of November 15th extended to December 1st
 - Motion presented for approval to extend the date
 - a. 1st Motion: Jocelyn Graham
 - b. 2nd Motion: Whitney Jackson
 - c. Extended Date Approved
- **f.** Employee Recognition: Timothy Sampson for Shawnda Cummings
 - 1. No Updates
- g. Human Resources: Sarah Hunt
 - 1. Nothing additional to add; Angela Revels covered all topics in her presentation
- h. Health & Wellness: Whitney Jackson
 - 1. Working to revamp the Walking Club by possibly changing the time
- i. Events: Courtney Page
 - 1. Christmas ornaments from Carolina Specialties have been received (150 items)
 - Website has been setup to make online purchases
 - Cash payments can be made at the Cashiers Office
 - Cost per ornament will be \$7
 - 2. Working with Wing Co. to have a fundraiser set-up
 - 3. Jail-A-Thon is scheduled for February 29, 2024
 - 4. Pie-In-Face working to get finalized

7. Old Business

- a. Fundraising Update: already discussed during Events reporting by Courtney Page
- b. Elections Update: already discussed during Election Committee reporting by Timothy Sampson

8. New Business

- a. Resolution 002 Flex Scheduling: struck from the agenda
- **b.** Resolution 004 Departure Events
 - 1. Timothy Sampson will discuss in detail at our December 5th meeting

- 2. Asked members to review resolution and submit recommendations to him
- 3. Angela Revels indicated that there is a 'university-wide' retirement dinner already in place
- c. Student Senator
 - 1. Timothy Sampson presented the ideal of allowing a Student Senator to sit-in at Staff Senate meetings.
 - 2. Angela Revels, along with several others, objected to the idea
 - 3. Consensus was not to allow a Student Senator to attend any Staff Senate meetings due to the nature of many topics discussed during the meetings
 - 4. Student Senators has and should be utilizing resources such as the Student Governing Body and Dr. Kyle Smith
- **d.** Safety and Accessibility Walk w/SGA (Nov 16, 2023 5:30pm 7pm)
 - 1. Timothy Sampson asked for volunteers to assist with walk-through
- e. 2023 Holiday Celebration
 - 1. Timothy Sampson asked members to share the information regarding the celebration
 - 2. Will also be sharing on Staff Senate webpage
- 9. Adjournment: Timothy Sampson @ 1:06

Visiting Faculty/Staff Member on UNCP Campus: No visitors in attendance