UNC Charlotte Staff Council Meeting
Minutes
January 9, 2019 – 9:00 am, Cone, Room 210

Officers present: Celeste Corpening (Chair), Rachel Pierson-Bonin (Vice Chair), Pam Erickson (Secretary), Jill Gosnell (Treasurer), Julia Stuart (Communications Director)

Representatives present: Kimberly Gray (Area 1), Le’Aira Hames (Area 2), Sharon Reichard (Area 3), Stephanie Lee (Area 4), Keith Jung (Area 6) Sharon Witherspoon (Area 9), Latonya Johnson (Area 10), Virgie Fewell (Area 12), Karen King (Area 13), Michael Garrett (Area 14), Ronnie Bell (Area 15A), Meredith Klauss (Area 18)

Alternates present: Helena Connors (Area 10), Susan Bunton (Area 6), Clyde Derberry (Area 11), Katherine Humphries (Area 12), Kyle Thomas (Area 15A), Pearl Brown (Area 16) Bionnca Andrews (Area 17),

Guest: Rick Torres, Aux. Services

I. Call to Order, Welcome & Moment of Silence: Celeste Corpening, Chair

II. Guest Speakers: Celeste introduced Mr. Rick Torres, Auxiliary Services who introduced Ms. Cheryl Gunter, American Red Cross. Rick explained that UNC Charlotte is participating in a Blood Drive on January 29 and 30, in the SAC, 11am – 5pm, and all faculty, staff, and students are invited to attend. Student organizations have been partnering with Auxiliary Services to host blood drives on campus for more than 10 years. Previously, university employees and student collected over 700 units of blood. This year, the goal is 1,000 units. Employees can schedule an appointment to donate or download the app for a rapid pass. T-shirts and food will be given to all donors. Raffles of VIP passes to Defy Gravity, hats, cups, etc. will be held. Each employee that donates will be entered in a raffle for an annual UNC Charlotte parking pass and a gym membership. A former student, Shamari Inuwa, received over 100 transfusions during her time here at UNC Charlotte, thanks to employees and students. O negative blood is in demand. Each donation is typed, and donors can donate every 8 weeks. Donors can register online or walk-in. Please share information around campus.

III. Officer Reports:

Celeste Corpening, Chair:

- The 49 basketball games, sponsored in part by Staff Council currently has 4 SC volunteers including Ronnie Bell who will deliver and set up the popcorn machine. Anyone interested in helping should contact Celeste.
- Golf tournament – May 17, 2019. Celeste has requested that the Chancellor create a team. Staff Council will not sponsor a hold this year ($1500). May consider splitting with another group.
- Board of Trustees meeting is February 19th. Nothing new to report at this time.
- The December volunteer opportunity was postponed because most organizations contacted did not need assistance at the time. Would like to coordinate a time or SC members to volunteer. Suggestions of charitable organizations can be sent to Celeste or Pam.
- Ombudsmen program – no updates at this time

Rachel Pierson-Bonin, Vice Chair:

- Rachel will send out the next Spotlight in the next 2 months. Any suggestions should be sent to Rachel.

Jill Gosnell, Treasurer:

- Jill reported that the Staff Council budget has not changed from last month. Balance in State account is $2,984.64 and Discretionary is $2,661.76.

Julia Stuart, Communications Officer:

- Golden Nugget Awards – 2 awards in areas 11, and 12.
IV. Committee Reports:
- Staff Relations – Sharon reported that there are no updates.
- Education/Events – Chili Cook Off is scheduled for February 19, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm in the Lucas Room in Cone. A sign-up sheet will go out via email shortly. Flyers will go out this week to all UNC Charlotte staff. We will incorporate a Scavenger Hunt this year.

Ronnie Bell asked that SC look into the difference in on-call pay of $.99/hour at UNC Charlotte and $2.99/hour at other institutions. Celeste asked the Staff Relations Committee to investigate.

V. Celeste introduced Sophia Marshall, University Recreation. Sophia announced that the new URec Center that is currently under construction is on schedule to open in the Fall. Memberships will be $160/year. Personal trainers are available to hire at ptrainer@uncc.edu. The center is just over 148,000 sq. ft. of fitness/training space. Sophia showed a video rendering of the center. Five floors, 2 pools, 4 courts, and indoor track with inclines are some of the amenities. The first floor contains office space and a demo kitchen to conduct healthy cooking classes. There’s a mind/body space for yoga and Pilates, and even an aerial space. Balconies for classes and a 4th floor “playground” complete with tire pulls and monkey bars are available to members. Many events and classes are scheduled for the URec Center. More information is available at urec.uncc.edu or by contacting Sophia at sophia.marshall@uncc.edu. Sophia gave a brief workout demonstration of easy exercises that can be done at work.

A motion was made by Ronnie Bell to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Stephanie Lee. Meeting adjourned at 10:19 am.

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Pam Erickson, Secretary      Date of approval