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First, I'd like to say thank you to President Morehead for announcing at the State of the University address a presidential task force to create new, robust professional development opportunities to support the growth and development of our staff. I'd also like to thank Ryan Nesbit for coordinating this effort.

Professional Development has been an issue that has been discussed both here at the university and at the statewide USG Staff Council. I am proud that once again UGA is leading the state in creating opportunities for staff. It's another way that UGA is making a great place to work even better. I can hardly wait to share this initiative with the representatives at the USG Staff Council meeting in April.

Recently, members of the Staff Council were asked to participate in a focus group by the 2025 Strategic Planning Committee. Our Vice-Present Mary Moore was asked to be a member of that committee. We appreciate the opportunity to be able to provide our thoughts, insights, and feedback to this committee.

Finally, on behalf of the staff at the University of Georgia I would like to thank each of you for your service to the University and to the University Council. We are proud to work with you to create the best educational experience for our students.