

Good afternoon. As we come to the end of another successful year I would like to thank you, on behalf of the Staff here at UGA, for your support and encouragement.

We are very excited about the Presidential Task Force for Staff Professional Development. This task force has been hard at work. We expect to have some great ideas and recommendations to announce in August.

I would like to call your attention to the ArchNews that came out on April 16<sup>th</sup> which introduced a New Campus Resource: UGA Policy Portal. This portal site enables users to search for and access University-level policies and procedures from a range of campus units and websites. Prior to the creation of this portal it was nearly impossible to locate UGA policies. Even if you did find a policy it was hard to tell if you were looking at an old or updated version. This policy portal will save you and your staff a lot of time.

The Staff Council would like to thank the administration for moving forward on our recommendation. We would like to give a special thank you to Allan Aycock and his team for creating the policy portal. We would also like to thank Staff Council past president Michael Lewis and Staff Council member Laura Kelley for their tireless work on this issue.

On a personal note, I would like to thank Andy Owskiak for his service as University Council Executive Committee Chair. Andy, it has been an honor to work with you this year.

Thank you.