

# **Staff Council Report**

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The UGA Staff Council continues its commitment to advocating for the interests and welfare of staff members at the University of Georgia. In this report, we provide updates on recent events, upcoming activities, and key developments within the council.

#### **Recent Events**

On March 5th, the UGA Staff Council cohosted the 5th annual Staff Resources Fair in collaboration with the Finance & Administration Staff Representative Group. The fair aimed to provide valuable resources, information, and networking opportunities for staff members across various departments. The event was well-received and served as a platform for enhancing staff engagement and support.

The UGA Staff Council's Environmental & Sustainability Committee has initiated a pen recycling program in collaboration with the Office of Sustainability. Collection boxes have been placed in the Miller Learning Center and the Main Library to facilitate the recycling of pens. This program aims to reduce waste and promote sustainable practices within the university community. We appreciate the support and assistance from the Office of Sustainability in implementing this initiative.

### **Bylaws Revision**

In January, the UGA Staff Council revised its bylaws. The primary update pertained to the election timeline, allowing for more efficient and timely elections. This revision enables the Staff Council to elect both executive board members and fill any upcoming staff representative vacancies on the University Council Committees before the end of the current semester. By streamlining the election process, we aim to ensure effective representation and continuity within the council.

## **Upcoming Activities**

Elections for the new executive board of the UGA Staff Council are scheduled for April 3rd. This election will include the appointment of a new Staff Council president, who will play a pivotal role along with the other members of the board in leading the council and representing the interests of staff members. It has been an honor and a privilege to have served as the Staff Council President for the last four years. I deeply appreciate the support and collaboration received from both the Staff Council and the University Council throughout my tenure. As I transition from my role on the council, my commitment to advocating for the interests of staff members at the University of Georgia remains unwavering.

#### Conclusion

The UGA Staff Council remains dedicated to promoting the well-being and interests of staff members at the University of Georgia. We are looking forward to the upcoming elections and the continued progress of the council in serving the needs of our staff members.

This concludes the report from the UGA Staff Council. Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.