



Staff Council Report

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Presented by: Savannah Hembree, Staff Council President

Once again, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for the opportunity to serve on the University Council and UC's executive board. It has been an honor and a privilege to hold the position of Staff Council President for the past four years. Your unwavering support and collaborative spirit have been instrumental in our collective efforts to enhance the employee experience at the University of Georgia.

As I prepare to transition from my role, I eagerly anticipate a smooth handover to the incoming Staff Council President, Rebecca Mayo. I am confident that she will continue to champion the interests of our dedicated staff members.

Thank you once again for your trust, encouragement, and partnership throughout this journey.

Election Update

On April 3, 2024, the Staff Council held elections for our executive board members. We are pleased to announce the following results:

1. Rebecca Mayo, Assistant Compliance Officer with the Office of Research, has been elected as the new Staff Council President for the next two years.
2. Dr. Lisa Sperling, Senior Director of Student Success and Well-being for the Graduate School, will take on the role of Secretary for Fiscal Year 2025.
3. And Jennifer Leyting, Laura Kathryn Hogan, and Ashley Weed will continue in their roles as Vice-President, Coordinator, and Treasurer respectively.

Meeting Updates

Jimmy Williamson, Executive Assistant to Vice President Nesbit, joined our council on April 3, 2024, to discuss the pedestrian corridor from Oconee Street to Mitchell Street to Thomas Street. This thoroughfare is a safety concern due to the increasing foot traffic from the Mark to north campus. Mr. Williamson provided insights into the status of the railbed in this area and discussed future hardscaping plans. These discussions stem from concerns raised by staff to council earlier this fiscal year. This discussion is ongoing.

Resolution 30-01: Centralized Staff Awards Program

After researching our peer and aspiration institutions, the Staff Council passed Resolution 30-01, focusing on the development of a centralized staff awards program. Our next step is to submit this resolution to the Office of the President, along with the Vice-President of Finance & Administration and University Human Resources.

Staff Safety Concern: Memo to UGA Administration

The UGA Staff Council has taken a significant step in addressing staff safety concerns. Following a thorough discussion and a passing vote of 33 members in favor, the council has passed a memo urging action on this issue. The memo outlines specific safety measures and recommendations to enhance the well-being of our staff members.

Conclusion

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.