



Staff Council Report

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Presented by: Rebecca Mayo, Staff Council President

I would like to express my gratitude for the opportunity to serve on the University Council and UC's executive board. I have been a passionate member of the Office of Research for 9 years, and representing all staff of the university is an honor.

The current executive board of the Staff Council is listed below.

President - Rebecca Mayo, Vice-President - Jennifer Leyting, Recording Secretary - Lisa Sperling, Treasurer - E. Ashley Weed, Coordinator - Laura Kathryne Hogan, Parliamentarian - Narke Norton, At-Large Members - Sean Ryder, Sara Ervin Smith, and Chip Woods.

The UGA Staff Council continues its commitment to advocating for the interests and welfare of staff members at the University of Georgia.

Meeting Updates

The council continues to meet mostly via Zoom, with 3 in-person meetings scheduled in FY25. The executive committee discusses the modality of the meetings regularly.

We had several guests at our last two meetings. In August, Dr. Meg Amstutz joined us to discuss the recent accolades of the Morehead Honors College. In September we were joined by Russ Ramsey of University Human Resources to discuss the FY25 merit program. Additionally, a representative of EITS, Andrew Barfoot, provided an update on scheduled maintenance. Finally, representatives of University Dining, Adam Rainville and Claudia Baumann spoke to the council about faculty and staff meal plans. These guests and others scheduled to attend allow for the enhancement of the connection between staff and the resources and initiatives available at UGA. We are thankful for their willingness to engage with the council.

We also want to mention our appreciation for the efforts of Jimmy Williamson in conveying the safety updates in the Mitchell St. Corridor. These improvements impact the entire university community, and the council is thankful for the attention brought to this matter.

Our committees were constituted in August, and committee work is underway.

Bylaws Update

In August, the council conducted a second reading and vote resulting in the formal creation of a new standing committee, the Environment and Sustainability committee. This committee considers university business and operations that impact the campus's natural environment and finite resources. The committee will actively engage all stakeholders to promote opportunities that reduce waste and limit harmful environmental impacts.

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.