



The University of Georgia

Staff Council

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Staff Council Report to University Council, September 21, 2016

President Morehead, please accept the gratitude of the staff of UGA for the 2nd annual Staff Appreciation Day last May.

Since our last report, the Staff Council has held our annual elections for officers and University Council members. As I am standing before you today, it appears that I was chosen to serve my second and last two year term as chair. Marie Mize was reelected as vice chair, Mary Moore reelected as Coordinator, Teri Berryman was elected as Treasurer, and Kaelin Broadus was reelected as Recording Secretary. These officers serve for one year and are not term-limited.

Our open University Council seats went to Kelly Cona, Human Resources Committee, Kevin James and Laura Kelly were chosen for the Student Life Committee.

We often have guest speakers at our monthly meetings to broaden our knowledge of the university's many operations. We have enjoyed hearing from Lara Mathes from the University Architects regarding the master plan, Patrice Masterson and Taylor West from HR discussed voluntary benefits, Kiz Adams, from HR introducing her office of Work/Life Balance, and Sarah Fraker with Chris Wilkins gave an overview of the OneSource project.

Claudia Shamp spoke to us about the UGA Food Pantry, the shocking number of students who are homeless and/or do not have enough money to buy food, and the astonishing number of visits from people with a Faculty/Staff UGA ID.

We also heard from Juan Jarrett & Russ Ramsey from HR regarding FLSA changes and how UGA will comply. Though no fault of theirs, I think it is safe to say that no one who is aware of what these changes mean to about 3,000 staff truly enjoyed hearing about them.

To conclude, I want to express my deepest gratitude to President Morehead, VP of F&A Ryan Nesbit, and AVP of HR Juan Jarrett for their concern and extensive, continuing efforts to find ways to mitigate the effects compliance will have on staff.

Michael Lewis,
Chair, Staff Council