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First, I want to update everyone about what Staff Council has beed doing lately. Staff Council has provided staff with information about open enrollment, income tax assistance, services available from the Georgia Center, sustainability at UGA, and more. It is also working with the University System of Georgia Staff Council to facilitate communication between staff and the Board of Regents. We hope to begin an electronic newsletter for staff in the near future.

Second, I want to offer a warm welcome to our new Provost, Dr. Pamala Whitten. Staff has the opportunity to meet with Provost Whitten several times during the interview process. We were impressed with her knowledge, enthusiasm, and thoughtfulness.

We know that UGA is a great institution but we are confident that the combination of the new Provost and President will propel us to the next level of academic excellence, enable us to raise more funds than ever before, and most importantly attract and retain the best students, faculty, and Staff.

We look forward to working with our new Provost to achieve these lofty goals.

Jerry Daniel, Chair UGA Staff Council