

VPFASRG Meeting
Minutes
March 18, 2015
Tate Student Center Room 482
2:00PM

Meeting was called to order by Mark Robinson

Members in attendance: Ed Berry, Amanda Brogdon, Julie Burt, Teresa Cash, Debi Chandler, Jonathan Croy, , Decatur Dunagan, Kathryn Flores, Stuart Hammond, Amy Harper, Savannah Hembree, Michael Kajder, Roswell Lawrence Jr, Gina Roberts, Mark Robinson, Charlton Scott, Tonya Seay, Andrea Thompson (sub – Sally Johnson), Willie Thornton, Evelyn Wilhite

Members not in attendance: Brent Canup, Gerald Fitch, Clarke Kesler, Ashley Maxwell, Susan Mccullough, David Ragland, Noah Ray, Deborah Smart, Mary Stephens, , Andrew Watts,

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Roll Call, quorum was present

New Business:

- Guest Speaker: Don Walters from Parking Services
 - Don announced one of our members, Charlton Scott has been awarded the “Customer Service Circle of Excellence”
 - Announced that permit prices are not going up. (as a point of reference, Parking Services has not raised rates in 7 years.)
 - As the campus grows, parking is becoming more of a premium since there is less space for surface parking.
 - In an effort to keep cost down for employee and student parking, Parking Services has
 - Started charging for RV to park on Campus for football games
 - Begun accepting credit card, which has expanded the customer base
 - Lowered rates for visitor parking which has enticed more guests to park in the pay lots.
 - Implemented a preventative maintenance schedule to reduce cost to maintain the decks
 - Switched out the lighting to a more energy cost effective alternative
 - Reduced full time personnel, hiring more students
 - Offering better customer service
 - Some of the upcoming enhancements to Parking Service include:
 - More outlets for Electric Vehicles
 - License Plate Reader at some of the lots

Minutes from February were approved

Committee Reports:

Human Resources – no report

Health and Safety – no report

Communications –

- We had our first Communications Committee meeting 3/11/2015
- We have two deliverables, the monthly flier and the newsletter.
 - Monthly flier. We have a format ready to roll, and should be able to get that out with no issues.
 - Newsletter
 - Our first concern is the delivery method. We believe that having a printed newsletter is not the best way to go. We think it would be better to have the newsletter as a link on the SRG webpage.
 - We would also like to simplify the content. We would like to cut the content down to 4 major sections;
 - Staff Spotlight
 - Upcoming Dates to Remember
 - Feedback
 - SRG Talking Points. The Talking Points would be basically the items that SRG is working on, such as safety issues that are being addressed, and things of that nature.

Chair's report:

- Please remind folks that we need to complete “Secure UGA” by March 31.
- Reviewed Staff Council Meeting
 - President Jere Morehead was the Guest Speaker
 - UGA will be issuing merit based raises this year
 - BOR does not support cost-of-living increases
 - Briefly discussed the changes to the retiree benefits
 - 1st Annual Staff Appreciation Day to be held in May
 - All staff is invited
 - Staff does not have to use leave to attend
- Reminder that nominations are being accepted for next year's Executive Committee

Old Business:

- “Why is there a cost to replace id broken cards when it is used in your job?”
 - Mark does not have an update at this time...

New Business:

- Open forum for Q&A
 - There was some discussion about the UGA Weather Alert
 - Waiting to announce when the University is closed
 - causes some issues when there is snow and electrical lines are down, folks may not have access to TV or computers
 - Need to address with Tom Jackson
 - A potential traffic hazard has been noted. At East Carlton, when busses are turning left there does not appear to be enough room, cars are getting clipped in the front end.
 - A question was presented about certain departments being re-organized and Foremen are eligible to re-apply for their position at a higher salary. This option was not available for all positions in the department.
 - It was suggested that a recap of the issue be presented to Brett Jackson
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Next SVPFASRG Meeting 2:00 April 22th, Miller Learning Center Room 207
Meeting adjourned at 3:05pm