Minutes of the  
Staff Senate Retreat  
August 25, 2005  
Willis Building

Senator/Staff Senate Chair, Kim Wilson, called the meeting to order at 8:15 am. The following senators were present: Pat Brown, Taffye Clayton, Damon Davis, Robyn Galloway, Darlene Garland, Gwen Green, Robin McKinnon-Wilkins, Alice Martin, Angela Moye, Linda Phillips, Elizabeth Reilly, Petra Rouse, Suzanne Rouse, Alise Rowan, Doreen Strayhorn, Karen Summerlin, John Toller, Pat Tutino, Ann Weingartz, Kim Wilson, Leigh Ann Zuchelkowski,

Following a welcome by Senator Wilson, Mr. Jason Martin and Mr. Mike Money from Sports Marketing and Special Events addressed the Senate regarding discount athletic tickets. These are available to all faculty and staff and their immediate family members for all athletic events. Individual tickets for football games are $25.00 and season tickets cost $100.00. Brochures and football schedules were left for anyone who was interested.

Mr. Bruce Maxwell from Career Services then presented a workshop entitled “True Colors”. This is an hour and a half workshop, which identifies personality types and encourages us to learn how to work together by allowing everyone to work from his/her strengths.

Committee Chairs or their representatives presented their 2004-2005 accomplishments followed by their goals for the 2005-2006 Session of the Staff Senate.

Goals for 2005-2006

DIVERSITY COMMITTEE
1. Continue to sponsor blood drive
2. Finish website – Diversity Committee links
3. New ideas of ways on how to communicate diversity throughout ECU
4. Establish working relationship with Dr. Sallye McKee, Assistant to the Chancellor for Institutional Diversity

Open discussion and lunch followed, during which we set forth goals for the Senate as a whole. The following goals were listed:

More recognition of the Staff Senate. Standards equal to or greater than those of the Faculty Senate.

Increasing the value of holding a seat on the Staff Senate. Seats to be sought after and filed for by prospective Senators, instead of someone else putting forth a name.
Greater influence

Creation of a Marketing Committee to promote the Staff Senate and increase awareness of who we are and what we do.

Purchasing Staff Senate shirts or some other item of recognition

Regular meetings for the Chair with the Chancellor

Posters for bulletin boards, TV publicity, an ad in the East Carolinian, a newsletter promoting awareness

More funding for projects

Release time for the Chair, as well as acquisition of office space and possibly a staff person for the Senate office.

Petition for recognition

Publishing of a newsletter with news of the Senate and our activities

A booth at Founder’s Day to raise our profile.

Attendance of Senators at staff meeting for various departments and schools.

Representation at institution-wide programs.

Partnering with other groups.

Promoting the idea of our Chair networking with other Staff Senate chairs from sister universities.

Reduced tuition for dependents

Orientation for new senators

Addressing each other as “Senator”

Planning for a smooth succession of the new Chair at the end of the year

A List Serve for Staff Senate

Each Senator keeping in touch with a certain number of employees in his/her area. This involves emailing them with news and events of the Staff Senate. This is already being done at BSOM
Spice up the standard Staff Senate presentation for new employees.

Senator Wilson closed the session with remarks and a reminder that the first Staff Senate meeting of the 2005-2006 Session will be held on September 22, 2005 in Mendenhall Student Center, Great Room 1, 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm.