CALL TO ORDER
Chair Phil Hulsey called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL
Roll call was performed by Secretary Megan Ayers

Attendance:

Absent:

Ex-officio Officers Present:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Senator Ayers reported that a copy of the minutes from the September 14, 2010 meeting was distributed via email. Senator Lee Brown called for a motion to approve the minutes. Senator Harold Coleman seconded the motion. There were no negative votes. The minutes of September 14, 2010 were approved.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE COMMENTS

A. Chair – Senator Phil Hulsey called attention to the bylaws, specifically the attendance policy. He urged all senators and alternates to familiarize themselves with the policy. Chairman Hulsey gave a brief update about the meeting that he and Mary Susan Williams had with Chancellor Ballard, Philip Rogers and Kevin Seitz. He reports that Dr. Ballard is cautiously optimistic about the budget. In addition, Dr. Ballard supports the goals of the Staff Senate, especially promoting community service. He said that the administration will fully support a campus wide initiative to fully fund the Gail Jordan Scholarship. Finally, Dr. Ballard is supportive of the 180 degree upward feedback evaluations. Phil Hulsey stressed the importance of the Senate Committees. He explained that all senators and alternates made the commitment to represent their areas and need to attend and participate. Lastly, Phil Hulsey gave a brief update on the
Foundations of Excellence Self Study, which is an effort to focus on retention of first year and transfer students. The administration has expressed the importance of staff involvement.

B. Chair-Elect – Mary Susan Williams reminded all senators and alternates that senate activities need to promoted and attended.

C. Secretary – Megan Ayers asked that all senators and alternates verify their names for name badges, which will be ordered in the upcoming week and available at the November meeting.

D. Treasurer – Lisa Graepel reported that the Staff Senate currently has a total of $4,000 (between the budget and the discretionary account)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Communications and Marketing – Mimosa Hines reported that the committee is going through and updating the website. In addition, they are getting things ready for the upcoming issue of the Staff Senate newsletter. There are no new Pirate Perks to report. John Toller offered to put a link on the Human Resources website to the Staff Senate website for exposure.

B. Diversity – There was no diversity report

C. Human Resources – Kendra Harris stated that there is a volunteer opportunity for anyone wishing to help out the Pitt County Humane Society at the game. Kendra Harris also said that the Human Resources Committee is researching Upward Feedback Evaluations and will begin working on a resolution after that research is completed.

D. Rewards and Recognitions – Harold Coleman reported that the University has officially closed out the computer loan program. Mr. Coleman reported that 35 people walked in the Health Fitness Walk over on the Medical Campus. Finally, Employee Appreciation Week is scheduled for April and the Rewards and Recognitions committee is already in the planning process.

E. Bylaws – Derek Abbott reported that the Bylaws committee has finished the first draft and has submitted it to the Executive Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Gail Jordan Scholarship Update – Lee Brown reported that they are still working on the logistics for the application process. There will be a meeting in the following weeks with Mickey Dowdy to brainstorm how to get the word out about donating to the scholarship. There will be a donor link on the Staff Senate website as well as including the scholarship in the Faculty/Staff Combined Campaign that will go out in February. Dr. Ballard is 100% on board with getting it endowed.
NEW BUSINESS

A. Staff Assembly Update – Mandee Lancaster reported that the Staff Assembly met on October 12, 2010 in Chapel Hill. She said that President Bowles assured everyone that the new President will continue to work with and support the Staff Assembly. Adam Reagan from UNC-Wilmington was awarded the Staff Service Award. Elections were held for officers of the UNC Staff Assembly and Kelly Eaves Boykin was reelected as chair. The theme for the UNC Staff Assembly is “Partnering for the Greater Good”. The UNC System Food Drive will be a part of this partnership.

B. Alternative Transportation – Debi Garfi, new Director of Parking, introduced two new initiatives from Parking & Transportation. 1. Ride Rental – Zip Car, which is a car rental program, 2. Ride Sharing – a software program based on Facebook. Log on using valid ECU email. More information on these two initiatives can be found on the Parking and Transportation website.

C. Career Banding – Nonie Garcia reported that the Employee Advisory Committee was formed in 2000 to be medium for career banding questions. The Committee has 13 people from all the divisions across campus. There is a link to the website for the Employee Advisory Committee on the Human Resources website.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Please sent holiday community service charity ideas to Megan Ayers prior to the November meeting. We will decide what charity or charities to support at that time.

B. The next Staff Senate meeting is 3:30, Wednesday, November 17, 2010 at the Greenville Centre, Room 1200

ADJOURNMENT

A. Chair Phil Hulsey adjourned the meeting.