NOVEMBER 2020 MEETING SNAPSHOT

Did you know that all staff are invited and welcome at each senate meeting? The Staff Senate represents all SHRA and EHRA non-faculty employees. The last meeting took place on November 11, 2020 via Zoom and hosted 127 participants. Below are some of the updates that were shared:

STAFF SENATE MISSION AND STATEMENT

The Staff Senate was established to foster a spirit of unity, pride, and cooperation among staff members by recognizing the leadership role staff plays in the daily work of the University. The Senate is a non-governing body which serves as an advisory board to the Chancellor and senior officers on issues and concerns that are important to staff and supports the administration in the achievement of the University’s mission.

We’d also like to remind staff of the suggestion box, which is an immediate way to communicate concerns by name or anonymously. Concerns articulated through the suggestion box are shared with senior leadership. We are encouraged by the responsiveness to our requests during monthly meetings with Chancellor Sartarelli, Provost Jamie Winebrake, Vice Chancellor Miles Lackey, Interim Vice Chancellor Brian Victor, Associate Vice Chancellor Liz Grimes, and Chief of Staff Bradley Ballou. Staff Senate remains committed to equity, inclusivity, and diversity at UNCW.

In solidarity,

Susan Smith, Chair
Adam Clark, Chair-Elect
Tammi Emeka, Parliamentarian
Jessica Riverbank, Communications Officer
Justin Smith, Secretary
Sydney Vann, Treasurer

OMBUDSMAN ON THE WAY

The Chancellor has endorsed the request from Staff Senate for an Ombudsman. It is now pending Cabinet approval.

This person will be authorized to confidentially handle complaints or concerns surrounding discrimination and will be a big step in equity and inclusion work on campus.

STAFF SENATE ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Update from Jessica Hans

• Gingerbread house contest: register and submit a picture to be voted on in this bracket-style competition.
• Explore our campus and areas of Wilmington by participating in our December Scavenger Hunt. Registration is required.
• Can you find Sammy-on-the-shelf? Check the Staff Senate website daily between December 1st and 18th to see where Sammy C. Hawk is and to learn about different parts of campus.

COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Update from Katrin Wesner

• The number of cases in NC continues to rise.
• Free testing is available to staff, which can be helpful to those traveling for the Thanksgiving holiday.
• Continue to follow the 3Ws - Wear, Wait, Wash.

SEASON OF GIVING

Update from Office of Student Leadership and Engagement

• Adopt-A-Family provides a Thanksgiving meal for a local family in need. Donation drop-off is November 23.
• Angel Tree provides holiday gifts to children that are in foster care. Donation drop-off is November 23.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Update from Molly Nece

• Did you know that Community Service Leave has increased to 80 hours through the end of 2020?
• Dare to ______ December (blank is intentional). YOU decide. How do you want to close out this year?
• Fall 2020 textbooks are due back to Auxiliary Services within 5 five days of final exam.
• Spring 2021 faculty/staff textbook scholarship applications can be submitted through January 27.

The next Staff Senate meeting is scheduled for:
Wednesday, December 9th, 2pm-4pm
A Zoom link for this meeting will be shared via email.