MEETING SNAPSHOT
JUNE 2021

The Staff Senate is a non-governing body, and serves as an advisory board to the Chancellor to represent all SHRA and EHRA non-faculty voices on campus. The last meeting took place on June 9, 2021 via Zoom. Here are some of the updates shared:

STAFF SENATE CHAIR’S BULLETIN
Update from Susan Smith

During the May meeting with the Chancellor, Susan Smith (Chair) and Adam Clark (Chair-Elect) relayed the following staff concerns:

• Staff have expressed apprehension about the return to campus and loss of flexibility in scheduling and teleworking.

• Staff continue to submit items related to salary to the Suggestion Box. The most recent county commission budget vote to increase taxes has bolstered these concerns.

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT
Update from Liz Grimes

• The Campus Operations Planning Team has been working for several months. Managers have sent recommendations for teleworking and flexible work schedules for approval from divisional leadership.

• Staff are encouraged to utilize the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) benefit which has many good resources.

• Review the Dare to Learn Academy (D2LA) announcements and class options that are provided by email each Friday morning as “D2LA Weekly Update”.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES
Update from Sharyne Miller

• The rollout of the new MySeaport portal is underway. All are encouraged to preview the new portal and submit feedback before the official launch in October.

COVID-19 PANDEMIC
Update from Katrin Wesner-Harts

• COVID-19 vaccinations are available in the Health Center with no appointment needed.

• All are encouraged to visualize the return to campus considering the relaxed mask mandates from the Governor’s Office. Maintaining a “culture of courtesy” where everyone can wear a face covering at any time without fear of judgment or concern.

• Where possible, meetings and other events should be held in larger rooms where social distancing can be practiced to ease concerns.

• All staff members are encouraged to send photos of their vaccination cards to coronavirus@uncw.edu for medical record keeping.

STAFF SENATE SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED
Update from ElizabethDavis

• Each year, the Staff Senate awards merit-based scholarships to permanent staff (SHRA and EHRA non-faculty) and/or their dependents. All recipients are enrolled in a graduate or undergraduate program at UNCW. This year, nine scholarships were awarded!

• Congratulations to Maggie Bannon, Annmarie Benson, Danielle Broman, Ashley E. Cribb, Scott Judson, Stefanie Norris, Alexander Schwarz, Peyton Walker, and Melissa Worrell!

• Employees that would like to contribute to the Staff Senate Scholarship Endowment can make one-time or payroll deduction contributions.

STAFF PRIORITIES SURVEY
Update from Dawn Brown

• All staff are encouraged to complete the Staff Priorities Survey by June 30, 2021. This survey helps the Staff Senate to determine university priorities and amplify the praises and concerns voiced by staff. To view results from prior years and actions taken, visit the Staff Survey Results website.