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 virtually in 2022 at McNeill Hall and also via Zoom. Here are some of the updates shared:

**Welcome Chancellor Voley**
- Chancellor Voley thanked Staff Senate for inviting him to the meeting and for what staff does.
- “A lot of times others get all the recognition, but you are all the ones in the background making things work seamlessly - thank you for that.”
- It’s good to be back! We’re trying to balance challenges, need people and interaction because it’s more than information, it’s about our culture.
- We’re here to support the students and support our needs. We need to balance professional and personal lives and recognize that education is for us to change lives. While money is important, it’s really in terms of how we live our lives and that’s why I’m so appreciative of you all.
- Everything you do has an impact on whether students want to stay, I was here before but the institution has changed a bit and I need to understand that. There’s a learning curve on both sides and I want to get to know you and understand what you do.
- Our region is growing by double and we have to make sure we can support what is currently in place.
- It’s really not a different job, it’s how we handle it. We have to facilitate a family. We need to recognize that we can’t do everything and do it well. Can we prioritize things and say there are 15 great things but let’s focus on our culture.
- We can all agree “student success” is a good buzz word. We also want to make sure students are getting good jobs when they graduate. Whatever the learning in class let’s be sure we’re giving them the tools and skillsets to be successful.
- How are we connecting the expertise and the community together? That collaboration is what makes us successful. We are collectively deciding where the institution will be. For example, this initiative is going to cost $20 million but we have $17 million and we’re not quite sure how to get there.
- I look forward to working with you and getting to know you. We are working on scheduling the first town hall meeting and it will widely advertised. We’d like to offer more town hall meetings than we have in the past. My plan is to start to get thoughts on paper by the end of the year and have something for approval by April.

**Staff Senate Chair’s Bulletin**

Update from Susan Smith
- Staff Assembly Update - Resolution received and President Hans will take to BOG and the Governor to try to get help in the interim. 17 campuses came together on this. Class and comp changes are at least another year away to come to fruition but there is hope and it is encouraging that faculty and staff were included.
- Meeting with Leadership - Met new BOG Sonja Nichols. Retention is a continued concern and she wants to make sure students are getting good jobs when they graduate. Whatever the learning in class let’s be sure we’re giving them the tools and skillsets to be successful.
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Update from Amanda Jones, Nominations Chair
- Welcome from Jennifer Coombs and Kelly Kennedy
- The Legislative increases of 3.5% will be in August paychecks - effective July 1 on June salary.
- A new mental health program, Ginger, is rolling out that works with Employee Assistance Program and health insurance providers. Connect through Ginger and get directly connected to appropriate person for type of issue.
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- There will be virtual meetings to review benefits in Sept. and Oct. It is highly encouraged for staff, new and old, to attend a meeting since there are many changes, including a two portal sign in. Reach out to Kelly Kennedy if you would like to schedule a meeting for your area.

**Meetings Information**

**Roundtable Updates**
- On Saturday, Sept. 17, all faculty, staff, and students are invited to participate in an Up to Wings Up, a day of service.
- The library construction continues. The back lot of library from loading dock and around Kenan is closed.
- New signs go up which are more location oriented. Website will reflect new parking lot names.
- There is still a need for UNI101 Instructors for the fall 2022 semester. Anyone interested, may contact Ms. Kelsey Axe via email.

**Communications Report**

**Update from April Lepak, Communications Chair**
- Need a new headshot? Please reserve an individual appointment with UNCW Portrait Services.
- The next Staff Senate meeting is scheduled for:
  - **Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2-4 p.m.**

A Zoom link for this meeting will be shared via email.