A message from the UNCG Staff Senate

April 2016

2016-2018 Staff Senate Nominations Are Under Way… Submit a Nomination by Friday, April 15!

You are invited to support the staff at UNCG by nominating colleagues from across the University to serve on UNCG’s Staff Senate (SHRA and/or EHRA non-faculty employees are eligible).

The UNCG Staff Senate is charged with raising awareness of and involvement in the University community by SHRA and EHRA non-faculty employees, encouraging professional and personal development of the staff, and improving communication within and between all staff and faculty at the University. The Senate participates in University governance through representatives appointed by the Chancellor as recommended by the Staff Senate Executive Committee to serve on appropriate committees of the University.

Nominees must meet the following criteria:

- Full-time or part-time permanent employee;
- Have 12 months of continuous service in a permanent position with the University;
- Be classified as an SHRA or EHRA non-faculty employee.

All nominations are due Friday, April 15.

To nominate a colleague online, visit the 2016-2018 Staff Senate Nomination Form at https://docs.google.com/a/uncg.edu/forms/d/1TNnejulSbRH7jy9_yYfCc-k455zAc5iCXwK1h61VD99E/viewform

Contact Sean Farrell at sdfarrel@uncg.edu or 256-0341 or Maggie Capone-Chrismon at mgchrism@uncg.edu or 334-3502 if you have questions regarding this year’s election process or would like to request a paper-based nomination form.

Campus Bookstore Expands Its Discount Program for Staff and Faculty!

In the past, UNCG staff and faculty have received discount cards that were good for a 10% discount on most merchandise at Barnes & Noble superstores. Unfortunately, Barnes & Noble has discontinued this program.

In lieu of that program and to show our appreciation to the faculty and staff that add so much to the UNCG community, our campus bookstore will expand our discount program.

Starting now, UNCG faculty and staff will receive a 15% discount on all textbooks purchased or rented for personal use, a 20% discount on most in store merchandise, and a 20% discount on any special order general reading books. In addition, faculty and staff will now receive a 20% discount at the Café and on all convenience items.

All you have to do is present your UNCG Faculty/Staff ID upon check out, so please be sure to take advantage of these great deals today!
Come Join Us for Some Fun... and Help the SPCA of the Triad, too, by Filling the Truck with Donations!

Show your Spartan Pride! Wear your blue and gold!

UNCG Employee Field Day
April 22nd
11:30 – 1:30 pm
Foust Park, corner of College Ave & Spring Garden St

Games, Prizes, Free Drinks & Snacks, Music, Lawn Bowling, Corn hole, Picnic Area and much more!!!
Pre-register for a chance to win prizes – Individual & Team Events
Visit Healthy.UNCG.edu for full details!

Come Fill the Truck!
Donate to the SPCA of the Triad!
Items needed: Dry/Wet Food, Toys, Blankets, Treats, Monetary, etc.

Donation drive hosted by UNCG Staff Senate

GPD K-9 Unit Demonstration at 12:30!

Contact healthy_uncg@uncg.edu or 334-4131 for more information
Staff Senate Meeting

HIGHLIGHTS: April 14, 2016

There was a full agenda at the Thursday, April 14, meeting, held in Alexander Room of the Elliott University Center.

Julia Jackson-Newsom, Senior Advisor to the Chancellor, shared some news on the UNCG Strategic Plan, stating that a narrative draft of the plan will be released to the campus in the next few weeks. The narrative will offer guidance and a thorough explanation for campus constituents to begin thinking this fall semester about specific goals and objectives to meet them. The plan is expected to begin in January of 2017.

UNCG’s 125th Celebration dates have been delayed until 2017 — the year that will actually mark 125 years since the institution first opened its doors to students in 1892. More information to come!

Weatherspoon Art Museum will celebrate its 75th Anniversary on October 1, 2016, with a Gala event from 6pm to 12am. Elaine Gustafson, Curator of Collections, spoke on the history of Weatherspoon and shared some information on upcoming exhibits and activities for the fall semester.

The Weatherspoon Art Museum is open:
- Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10am—5pm
- Thursday from 10am—9pm
- Saturday and Sunday from 1-5pm.
They are closed on Monday. Parking and admission are FREE.

Commencement is May 6... and we need VOLUNTEERS!

If you are interested in helping, please contact Linda Dunston-Stacey in the University Registrar’s Office at 334-5946 or via email at linda_dunston@uncg.edu by Friday, April 22.

Your help in making this day memorable for our graduates and their guests will be most appreciated!
Staff Priorities Survey: YOUR Participation Is Needed to Help Prioritize Top Issues Facing Staff at UNCG

Over the past year Staff Senate has worked closely with Campus Leadership on developing staff priorities. Through collaborative effort, we have assembled this survey to help define the top issues facing staff at UNCG.

We have worked hard to capture your voice though forums, electronic forms, and in-person interactions. **Now, we need YOU to help us prioritize these issues.**

Staff Senate will use your voice to continue to work with Campus Leadership toward practical solutions. We will be providing feedback and progress reports through the course of our normal operations moving forward.

We feel it is important to note that no ideas were removed from this list, at any point. Similar items were grouped into actionable items, and several specific items (suggested at forums, etc.) have been answered and addressed.

Answered items may not appear on the list to be ranked, but they can be viewed on our website—https://staffsenate.uncg.edu/.

As we develop solutions in the future, this list and website will evolve.

**To participate in the survey, click here:**

Please vote on ALL items (not just 10!) - we will identify top issues based on your vote.

**Link to survey:**

http://goo.gl/forms/oYwhDtiuYD
Scholarships Available to Promote Staff Development

The Janet B. Royster (JBR) Memorial Staff Scholarship Fund was created in August of 2011 by the UNC Staff Assembly in memory of UNC-TV employee Janet B. Royster. This scholarship promotes staff development for permanent, full-time, non-faculty employees, as well as recognizes and honors Janet’s leadership and dedication to all UNC employees. The JBR Memorial Staff Scholarship provides one or more annual awards, based on the availability of funds. Scholarships provide assistance towards earning a degree or other professional certification. The maximum award amount per academic year is $1,000. Awards are not automatically renewable. Recipients are selected by a Selection Committee.

Some of the following factors will be considered by the committee in making selections:

- The educational goals of the applicant;
- The financial needs of the applicant;
- The commitment of the applicant to his or her UNC employer institution;
- The relationship of the educational program to the applicant’s job;
- Applicants are encouraged to describe how the educational program relates to the applicant’s career goals.

The scholarship can be applied to the cost of tuition, fees, books, or registration fees. Payment will be made directly to the school, provider, or vendor.

To be eligible for the scholarship:

- Be a permanent full-time non-faculty employee of the UNC system
- Submit a completed application
- Include information that will help the selection committee understand how the educational opportunity will benefit you and your UNC institution

The applications are now being accepted for Fall 2016 and the deadline to apply is May 1, 2016. Incomplete applications may not be considered.

For more information about the scholarship and to apply:
https://www.northcarolina.edu/content/janet-b-royster-memorial-staff-scholarship

Associate Vice Chancellor of Human Resources Search Process Update

Open forums for the campus to meet and listen to our three candidates are wrapping up in the next few weeks. Two of the three candidates have already visited campus, and the remaining candidate will be here on Tuesday, April 26.

Your input into the process is valuable, and we would like to encourage you to attend the final forum from 10-11am on April 26 in the Maple Room of Elliott University Center. At this forum, you are able to ask questions of the candidate if you wish.

There is also an opportunity for you to provide feedback on each of the candidates via the Candidate Review Form on the search website.

It is located at:
http://research.uncg.edu/avchrsearch/

The site also contains links to each of the candidate’s vita documentation.
Personal/Professional Development Opportunity!

Sustainable Lawn Care: A Greener Yard

Spring is the best time for rejuvenating lawns—come learn how knowing and using good growing practices all year saves you time and money while reducing the environmental impact!

Join us with Jeanne Aller, a 15-year veteran of the Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Program, as she shares how establishing a healthy strand of grass with good planning and careful management can minimize issues with weeds, diseases, and insects.

**Monday, April 18; 3:00—4:30pm**
113 Bryan Building

Register via the Human Resources Workshops and Events Sign Up Page:
[http://workshops.uncg.edu/sign-up/?wks_sch_id=33021742](http://workshops.uncg.edu/sign-up/?wks_sch_id=33021742)

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**Staff Senate Activities Calendar:**

**April 15**
Deadline to Nominate a Colleague for the 2016-2018 Staff Senate!

**April 18**
Sustainable Lawn Care: A Greener Yard
3:00—4:30pm
Bryan Building, Room 113
(Registration Required for This Session)

**April 25**
A Campus Visit from New UNC System President Margaret Spellings
More details to come!

**May 6**
UNCG Commencement Exercises
10:00am
Greensboro Coliseum

**May 11**
Discover Essential Oils
12:00—1:00pm
Bryan Building, Room 113
(Registration Required for This Session. Log on to workshops.uncg.edu to register.)

**May 12**
Staff Senate Meeting
10 - 11:30am
Virginia Dare Room, Alumni House
Open to the UNCG Community!

For more information, please contact Kim Zinke at kpzinke@uncg.edu or Elizabeth L’Eplattenier at ebleplat@uncg.edu

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