

Notes from Staff Senate



May, 2009

Welcome to Staff Senate

The Staff Council has been renamed the UNCW Staff Senate in order to better reflect its role in representing SPA staff and non-faculty EPA staff. The new title is also consistent with fellow UNC System universities staff representation groups.

We invite you to attend the Staff Senate meetings or use the Virtual Suggestion Box to share ideas with the UNCW campus community and we look forward to sharing what your staff senate is doing to make a difference for you.

From the May Meeting

Sissy Hendricks, Student Accounts, was elected to the position of chair-elect for next year's Staff Senate. Congratulations, Sissy!

Current Legislative Concerns is a new page that has been added to the Staff Senate Web site. This is a great place to keep abreast of the legislative happenings in Raleigh that may affect state employees. Many thanks to **Marc Maus**, Sponsored Programs, for all of his hard work. www.uncw.edu/sac/Legislativeconcerns.html

The Staff Senate Scholarship applications have been received. The winner will be chosen at the June meeting.

William Fleming, Human Resources, spoke on the importance of staying informed on the current budget situation and not fueling rumors and speculation. The university administration is committed to communicating with the UNCW community as soon as facts are available.

Interim Provost, **Cathy Barlow**, is the first sitting provost to visit the Staff Senate. She emphasized that in challenging times it is more important than ever to collaborate and work together. With everyone thinking about cost cutting opportunities in conjunction with an entrepreneurial outlook, Barlow affirmed her belief that the university, its faculty and staff will come through the current challenges stronger than ever.

Tammy McKenzie, Registrar's Office, presented a SharePoint demonstration to the Staff Senate for review.

Nancy Jones, Watson School of Education, reviewed the **Top 10 Staff Issues** that were presented to the chancellor on May 14. To review all the issues, go to www.uncw.edu/sac/issues.html.



Seahawk Soars onto Campus

Will Helms of Coastal Machine and Welding gives the "thumbs up" as UNCW's Soaring Seahawk finally rests on its base on the campus Thursday, May 21. The sculpture, which features a 20-foot wingspan, was created for UNCW by Wilmington artist Dumay Gorham and was commissioned and paid for by philanthropist Ike Belk. - UNCW/Jamie Moncrief

The next Staff Senate meeting will be on Wednesday, June 10 at 2:30 p.m. in Alderman, room 215.

Benefits

Enroll in a Class

Your benefits include access to classes at UNCW. You can finish your degree or start a new one.

[Admissions Process](#)

Involvement

If you are looking for an opportunity to volunteer or you are already involved with an organization that needs volunteers, check out the community service offerings on the [Staff Senate service postings](#). Add your event or find the right event for you.

Stay Informed

Minutes, members and program information can be found by visiting the Staff Senate Web site: www.uncw.edu/sac Have a suggestion? Make it online at [Staff Suggestions Page](#)