



Notes from Staff Senate

Greetings from Staff Senate

August, 2009

In Staff Senate we are charged with disseminating important information relevant to our fellow staff members. We are very fortunate to have a Chancellor who is transparent in her communication and who works continuously to maintain the core mission of the university with less funding but also with the support of faculty, staff and students. Keeping staff employed remains a priority for her, as evidenced by the recent successful reassignment plan implemented by Human Resources. This year promises to be as challenging a budget year as ever. Quoting the chancellor in her convocation address **“I want to thank all faculty and staff for the patience and understanding you demonstrated throughout the challenges created by the state’s budget deficit last year, and I ask that you continue to be supportive. Together, we will survive this, and emerge stronger than ever.”** Staff Senate sends a resounding “thank you” to the Chancellor for her attention to our needs and her recognition of what we have endured and will continue to endure this year. Even during the most difficult of times staff continues to work with the faculty and students in giving back to our community in amazing ways. I am proud to work amongst what I believe is the best staff in the UNC system.

Ricky Thompson

LaRee Hendricks

From the August Meeting

Jarrett Piner from TAC Services demonstrated [SharePoint](#)

- SharePoint is a collaboration software solution to assist faculty, staff and students with group communication. This service provides many enhanced features such as document management, online calendars, blogs, wikis, team discussions and much more.

Wesley Padgett from Telecommunications demonstrated [Unified Messaging](#).

- Unified Messaging (UM) is an assortment of messaging tools in one package that enhance communications and productivity. UM will replace the existing voicemail system at UNCW and will combine voicemail and e-mail. Your voicemail and e-mail will be retrievable via your phone but will also show up in your e-mail inbox and can be retrieved/forwarded/deleted.
- The old voicemail system was five years past warranty and in dire need of replacement. The funding was generated before the recent budget cuts which enabled UNCW purchase the UM system.

To activate any of these optional features or to register for a workshop, contact the Technology Assistance Center (TAC) at tac@uncw.edu, or 910-962-HELP (4357)

Staff Senate Scholarship News

Sign up now to help endow your [Staff Senate Scholarship](#) through [Payroll Deduction](#). Our goal is \$25,000. Thanks to the Chancellor and your generosity the current total is \$16,358. Read more about eight of the [past recipients](#). Watch for more news about how you can apply for a scholarship for you or your dependents.



1,600 volunteers help with move-in

Benefits

Enroll in a Class

Your benefits include access to two classes at UNCW. You can finish your degree or start a new one. [Admissions Process](#)

Save Money

Sign up for a UNCW One Card for your family! [Application Forms](#)

Check out the [Seahawk Saving\\$](#) including the new [Employee Meal Plans](#)

Involvement

If you are looking for an opportunity to volunteer, or you are involved in 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.

Donate vacation time through shared leave. The UNCW Voluntary Shared Leave Program allows employees to donate vacation leave to another employee who is facing a loss of income due to a severe personal or family member illness. Contact Kelly Kennedy, kennedyk@uncw.edu or x23006, for more information.

Stay Informed

Minutes, members and program information can be found on the [Staff Senate Website](#). [Watch](#) the next Staff Assembly meeting.

Are you a staff/faculty member of a high school junior or senior...or just want to learn more about the financial aid process? Come to the [Workshop on FASFA](#)

Have a suggestion? Make it [online](#)

The next Staff Senate meeting will be Wednesday, Sept. 9 at 2 p.m. in the Masonboro Island Room, Fisher Student Union 2011