

Notes from Staff Senate



July, 2009

Welcome to Staff Senate

The Staff Senate is pleased to welcome its new members to the committee! Members of the Staff Senate are privileged to hear all of the latest news and happenings of our campus community as well as the UNC System. Please share this information with the staff in your departments. The Staff Senate is challenged to create innovative ways to communicate with our peers, endow the Staff Senate scholarship, improve senate efficiency and serve our fellow constituents.

Last year we met several of our goals and managed to keep a positive outlook in spite of great economic hardships. Read the annual report at www.uncw.edu/sac for a review of last year's accomplishments. We expect to face similar, if not more difficult challenges this year. We want to thank our [committee members](#) for their commitment to service in helping to create a positive environment for all staff.

Ricky Thompson

LaRee Hendricks

From the July Meeting

Our guests at the July meeting were Sharon Boyd and Rita Gordon from Business Services. They brought great news for UNCW employees.

- The textbook scholarship program for UNCW staff continues to be a success. This three-year old program has established about \$50,000 for textbooks. This funding is provided by proceeds from campus vending machines.
- Based upon the new parking permit tiers, the fall 2009 parking permit fee will not increase for 75% of UNCW employees.
- The new parking deck opening has been postponed to Aug. 1 because of drainage issues from the rain.
- Dubs Café in Warwick Center will open fall 2009. It will be an all-you-can-eat venue with wraps, a full salad bar and grill items. A much anticipated [faculty/staff meal plan](#) will include three options*
 - 10 meal swipes, plus \$15 food dollars for \$85.40
 - 20 meal swipes, plus \$45 food dollars for \$181.48
 - 50 meal swipes, plus \$60 food dollars for \$384.30

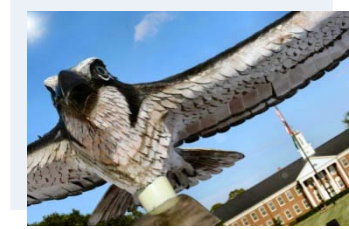
The meal swipes can be used at all non-branded dining locations and the food dollars at the branded locations. Payroll deduction is available. The card does not expire, but is non-refundable. The plans will be available in August.

* Prices include tax

from notes by Laura LaBree



Campus Dining



Seahawk Sculpture

The next Staff Senate meeting will be Wednesday, Aug. 12 at 2 p.m. in the Masonboro Island Room, Fisher Student Union 2011.

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](#)

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 Web site:

www.uncw.edu/sac/index.html

Watch the next Staff Assembly meeting

www.uncw.edu/sac/StaffAssemblyWebPage.html via video stream.

Have a suggestion? Make it online at

www.uncw.edu/sac/StaffSuggestionsPage.html