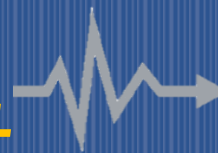


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## GREETINGS FROM THE STAFF SENATE PRESIDENT



Happy New Year Wishes to Everyone!  
I would like to begin by saying thank you for giving me this opportunity to share with you all the extraordinary things the FSU Staff Senate has done this past year. Now that fall 2017 is past and spring 2018 is upon us, I invite you to read the Special Edition of the FSU Staff Senate Newsletter.  
The FSU Staff Senate is comprised of 23 elected members representing various staff classifications across campus. We are also comprised of seven main

committees that perform duties determined by the full Staff Senate and Executive Committee members. We work hard to support and advocate for staff on current issues. This issue contains a summary of our accomplishments and activities during the past year 2017, as well as a look ahead to 2018. Much of our attention in 2017-18 will be focused on the review and revision of our Staff Senate By-Laws, increase the community services opportunities, work with the Human Resources Department for professional development opportunities for staff members, improve and maintain the Staff Educational Assistance through grants for SHRA and EHRA (non-faculty), update the website with all the information from the past, collaborate with the Faculty Senate and Student Government Association, and update Staff Senate social media. Our representatives on the By-Laws Committee ensures that the staff is appropriately represented in the development of an improved structure.

We are proud to know that our efforts continue to enhance the quality of life for all here at FSU, enabling the university to expand its presence beyond the campus. I wish to thank all our senators and associate members for their outstanding volunteer service, as well as our Faculty Senate and Student Government colleagues for their partnership in service to FSU.

Finally, I must acknowledge our executive officers, staff senators and associate members for their dedicated leadership, wise counsel, and tireless efforts that are deeply appreciated. As always, we welcome comments and suggestions from all members of the FSU community.

Warmest Regards,  
**Velappan Velappan**  
*FSU Staff Senate President*



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# 2017 Employee Appreciation Luncheon

The 2017 Staff Appreciation Luncheon was held on Thursday, May 25, 2017, in the Rudolph Jones Student Center Ballroom. The theme for this year's appreciation luncheon was *Walking the Bronco Mile*. Sixteen employees vied for the title of Employee of the Year. **Mrs. Deborah McPherson** received the Employee of the Year Award that was presented to her by Chancellor James Anderson.



The room was festive, with members of the Staff Senate dressed in T-shirts with their version of the theme running across it. Mouse pads and glass vases with handmade flower arrangements also carried the theme that signaled the beginning of the university's sesquicentennial celebration—150 years. Blue and white balloons, placed strategically throughout the room, completed the gaily decorated event.

Staff Senate President, Dr. Claudette Fuller welcomed the guests. After lunch was served and eaten, we got down to business—the business that everyone came to see. Mr. Jesse Baker and Ms. Michelle Saunders, were crowned Mr. and Ms. Staff. The competition for the award was held in April. They will represent the Staff Senate during the 2017 Homecoming Parade and at other events to be announced. Congratulations Jesse and Michelle.

There were several other awards that were presented by Ms. Terri Tibbs, Associate Vice Chancellor for Human Resources that included Employee Service Awards. The service awards were presented for years of service in increments of five years. Other awards given were as follows:



Outstanding Service  
Innovations  
Public Service  
Safety and Heroism  
Human Relations  
Customer Service

Mrs. Shenetta M. Adams-Dudley  
Mr. Cliff M. Bender  
Dr. Sherree R. B. Davis  
Ms. Dana Ross  
Mr. Jeffrey Lynwood  
Ms. Sandra W. Woodard



We applaud all of our winners for the outstanding job they've done to uplift and move the university forward.



Mrs. Adams-Dudley



Mr. Bender



Dr. Davis



Mr. Ross



Mr. Lynwood



Ms. Woodard

# **Congratulations to the Recipient of the Janet B. Royster Scholarship**

## **Congratulations to Velappan Velappan Recipient of the JBR Memorial Staff Scholarship**

**Staff Senate President Velappan Velappan**, Head of Access Services in the Charles Chesnutt Library and Mr. Staff 2014-2015, recently received the *Janet B. Royster Scholarship* in the amount of \$1,000. He is the fifth recipient at FSU to win this prestigious award. President Velappan received his M.S. in Library Information Science with a concentration in Digital Libraries in 2007 from Southern Connecticut State University, New Haven, CT and also a M.S. in Computer Information Systems in 2002 from Rivier University, Nashua, NH.

The Janet B. Royster scholarship was established in Ms. Royster's memory. Ms. Royster was a UNC-TV employee who provided important leadership, knowledge and dedication to the UNC Staff Assembly where she served as its first Parliamentarian. The Fund's purpose is to provide scholarship(s) to full-time, permanent non-faculty employees who are taking either undergraduate or graduate level courses at an accredited institution of higher education, or enrolled in approved – short courses, licensure, certificate or continuing education programs that supports staff development.

**Congratulations President Velappan on this great accomplishment!**



### **About the Scholarship:**

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. 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.

Pictured: The Late **Janet B. Royster**.



Next Scholarship Fall 2018

Deadline: May 1<sup>st</sup>

Applications will open soon...



# Annual Community Homeless & Hunger Stand Down

The 2017 Annual Community Homeless & Hunger Stand Down was held on Friday, November 17, 2017 at the V.F.W. Post 6018 located at 116 Chance Street in downtown Fayetteville, NC. This event offers a one stop location for homeless veterans, individuals, families or those who are at-risk of being homeless, to better access services that meet their basic needs.

The Fayetteville State University Staff Senate has served at this event for the past several years. Senate volunteers donate their time along with other public/private agencies, volunteers, and sponsors from the greater Fayetteville/Cumberland County community, offering efficient and compassionate service to those in need. In addition, this event is held to make the community more aware of the needs of the homeless population.

## **A message from Event Chair:**

The Staff Senate has taken great “Bronco Pride” in serving at the Homeless and Hunger Stand Down Event for the past several years. It warms our hearts to give back to our community by providing special assistance and essential items to those in need. A big THANK YOU to those who participated on behalf of the Senate. Your efforts contributed to another successful event.

~Cassandra Jenkins – *Event Chair*



# *New At-Large Delegates*

## UNC STAFF ASSEMBLY



FSU Staff Senate President Velappan Velappan was elected as an At-Large Delegate (2017-2019) on the UNC Staff Assembly at its October 2017 meeting at The University of North Carolina System office in Chapel Hill, NC. Two delegates were newly elected to serve as at-large delegate members of the Executive Committee for the term of 2017-2019. An at-large delegate must attend all Executive Committee and Staff Assembly meetings to stay abreast of all Staff Assembly activities. These delegates are assigned by the Staff Assembly Chair to a standing committee and may be asked to serve on Ad Hoc committee(s), as required. President Velappan currently serves as the Co-Chair of the Nomination Committee and one of the official photographers at the Chancellor's Cup Golf Tournament.

**Thank you for serving our interests, and congratulations President Velappan.**



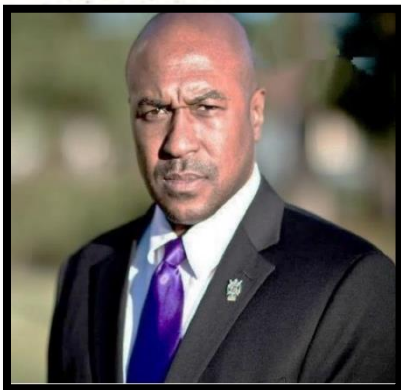
***From Left to Right*** – Shalane Griffin (Chair, Nomination Committee), Velappan Velappan (At-Large Delegate), Crystal Woods (Secretary/Treasurer), Anna Peitzman (At-Large Delegate) and Pamela DeGraffenreid (Vice-Chair)



The FSU Staff Senate would like to **CONGRATULATE** the **new Mr. & Ms. Staff 2017-18**. This is a competition that is held each spring at Fayetteville State University and is sponsored by the Staff Senate as a fundraiser. The Staff member with the highest contribution wins the title and reigns for 1 year. Be on the lookout around April 2018 for your chance to be the next MR. or MS. Staff!

# Mr. & Ms. FSU STAFF

## 2017-18



**Mr. Jesse Baker**  
Director of Data and Assessment  
*College of Education*



**Mrs. Michelle Saunders**  
Administrative Support Associate  
*Seabrook Auditorium*

If you wish to be in the running... Please contact our President: [vvelappa@uncfsu.edu](mailto:vvelappa@uncfsu.edu)

# FSU Staff Senate Award



## FSU Staff Senate's 2<sup>nd</sup> Grant Recipient

### MS. ANN ZOMERFELD

Mrs. Ann Zomerfeld is beginning her second semester at FSU in the Doctor of Education Program in Educational Leadership, with a concentration in higher education. Since 2009, she has worked part-time as an online Associate Faculty member teaching foundation courses at the University of Phoenix. She chose to pursue a doctorate degree, so she could continue working towards her lifelong goal of teaching full-time at a university. Ms. Zomerfeld hopes to become a faculty member at FSU.

Ann has been a member of the Fayetteville State family since 2007. From March 2007 to August 2012 she was the Executive Assistant to the Associate Vice Chancellor for Human Resources. Since September 2012, she has served as the Executive Assistant to the Chancellor.

*Congratulations Mrs. Zomerfeld!*

# Welcome To Fayetteville State University

'Home of the Broncos'

Rashaunda D. Ashford  
Jonathan L. Blocker  
Deneisa A. Bucknor  
Christa C. Carroll  
Christopher R. Conn  
Brooke H. Deaton  
Adrian F. Ferguson  
Loren M. Foster  
Vnette E. Gorden  
Kervin L. Hawkins  
Carolyn T. Irving  
Julian E. Johnson  
Doronado Koonce  
Carol D. Marshall  
Chandra B. McNeill  
Willie D. Moore  
Hannah L. Orrison  
Jewell A. Pradier  
Carlton E. Spellman  
Rebecca L. Tatum  
Inez R. Turner  
Nakia S. Walcott  
LaTeasha Washington-Baker  
Sharon E. Williams  
Wonyea Zulu-Brown

Denise M. Baccas  
Rodney A. Bryant  
Annette D. Burnett  
Jonathan M. Cobb  
Shamella Cromartie  
Djibril Diop  
Daniel J. Finley  
Brittney C. Freeman  
Samika L. Groover  
Solomon S. Harrington  
Keshema J. Jackson  
Charmaine N. Keel  
Tameka M. Lloyd  
James F. McDuffie  
Jonatan C. Merritt  
Brandon L. Morgan  
Clifford A. Parker  
Kristen P. Sessions  
Marcia J. Spencer  
Adam L. Toland  
Tiffany N. Tyler  
Dedra Warren  
Damien M. Williams  
Thalia Wilson

Annetha L. Bagsby  
Tamara C. Bryant  
Joseph Callaway  
Ronnean D. Collins  
Robert K. Dalton  
Renarde D. Earl  
Maurice A. Flowers  
Lisa A. Geddie  
Jewel A. Harrington  
Grady Hunt  
Mango E. Jacobs  
Allegra S. King  
Charles F. Lovick  
Misty C. McMillam  
Mykia L. Mitchell  
Asya Muhammad  
Doreen B. Pena  
Roderick A. Simpkins  
Sara A. Tanea  
Abigail I. Torxell  
Winette Vann  
Gary L. Warren  
Leonza K. Williams  
Mary O. Wortham





# Our Executive Officers 2017-2018

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**Velappan Velappan**-President  
**Arnescia Moody** Vice-President  
**Suzetta Perkins**- Secretary of the Senate  
**Roni Sterns**- Corresponding Secretary  
**Natasha Walker**- Treasurer  
**Patricia Flanigan**- Parliamentarian  
**Vacant**- Coordinator of Web Information  
**Michelle Saunders**-Coordinator of Membership

## Our Mission ...

The mission of Staff Senate shall be to provide representation for the staff and to be a voice in decision making processes of the FSU community. Staff recognize their increasing role of providing professional services to the University. The Staff Senate shall seek new opportunities for staff, and ensure that staff work in a positive, respectful atmosphere with opportunities for their own professional and personal development.

Staff Senate is to serves in an advisory capacity to the Chancellor and his/her designees. The Senate will act as a deliberative body for the Staff information and enactment of rules, policies, regulations and procedures consistent with established policies and procedures of the Office of State Personnel, Fayetteville State University and The University of North Carolina. Provide a regular, open forum to facilitate communication among all SHRA & EHRA (non-teaching) employees concerning general employment interests and concerns, current University operations, and University plans or prospects.

**The staff Senate meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 2:00pm in the J.C. Jones Board Room which is located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Charles W. Chesnutt Library. Senate meetings are open for all staff to attend.**

Website: <https://www.uncfsu.edu/faculty-and-staff/staff-senate>



# Thank You!

**For all that YOU do to contribute to the success of FSU!**

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