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President's Report



The FSU Staff Senate has completed its twenty-first year. The 2018-19 academic year was a significant and eventful year for the Staff Senate, having accomplished most of our goals set for the year. The purpose of the Staff Senate is to contribute to the success of the university. Some of the recent ways in which the Senate contributed toward its purpose were through

charitable community donations, monthly Staff Senate meetings, spring elections, professional development events, fundraising events, newsletters, website updates, bylaws updates, university-wide committee representatives, and the end-of-of-the-year celebrations and awards luncheon May 20-23, 2019.

I would like to say thank you for giving me this opportunity to share with you all the extraordinary things the FSU Staff Senate has achieved the latter part of this academic year. I invite you to read accomplishments of the FSU Staff Senate found in this newsletter. We work hard to support and advocate for staff on current issues. 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.

I would also like to take this opportunity to recognize the staff at Fayetteville State University. There is remarkable work happening across this campus in support of each other and our students. I am truly grateful to work alongside you all. 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. You are appreciated.

As always, we welcome comments and suggestions from all members of the FSU community. The Staff Senate provide opportunities to get involved, grow, and gain leadership experience. No matter where you work on campus, we hope that you'll consider running for Staff Senate so that we can continue to be a more diverse and truly representative body. Feel free to attend any of our monthly meetings. They are held each third Thursday in the J. C. Jones Board Room.



Warmest Regards,
Velappan Velappan
FSU Staff Senate President

Reference USA – User Conference, September 24-30, 2018, Omaha, NE



Mr. Velappan Velappan was selected to attend the Reference USA Users Conference in Omaha, Nebraska on September 24-26, 2018. There were approximately 40 librarians in and around North Carolina including three Academic University librarians from UNC schools who were selected and attended this event. Mr. Velappan acquired a lot of valuable information from the User Conference that included the following sessions: Tour of Infogroup Database Compilation Facility, Infogroup Real World Data Analysis and Comparisons, Real World Use Case: Helping Businesses Grow & Succeed, Fresh Perspectives: The Voices of the Library, Beyond the Subscription: A Value-Added Partnership from VP of Product Management among others.

The Charles W. Chesnutt Library has a valid subscription for Reference USA database for FSU patrons who are taking and teaching classes in Business Management and Market Research. Reference USA database contains detailed information about more than 16 million verified and 39 million unverified U.S. Businesses, 159 million U.S. residents, 1.2 million U.S. Health Care Providers, 2.5 million job postings, 1.9 million Canadian Businesses, and 11 million Canadian residents. They offer the most detailed and accurate business data available in the industry. Every day, new businesses open, existing businesses change locations and eventually some businesses close-down. They also phone-verify every record annually, making more than 24 million calls a year. Reference USA has partnered with Indeed.com to bring over 2.5 million jobs to the U.S. Jobs and Internships database. Patrons can find jobs all over the country and search by job title, company name, business type, job type, multiple geography options, and more. In addition to the database, they offer comprehensive job tools such as resume writing tips, cover letter examples, interview tips, continuing education materials, searching tips, salary estimates, and much more.



FSU Staff Senate Annual Fundraiser

POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER

By

Senator Suzetta Perkins

The FSU Staff Senate conducted its annual Poinsettia fundraiser this past November. Purchases were made by FSU faculty, staff and members of the Fayetteville community. Beautiful poinsettias in colors of red, pink, and white were sold and decorated many desks around the university. Eight hundred and thirty dollars were raised, netting the Staff Senate a profit of \$320. Proceeds from the sale go toward funding our annual Staff Appreciation Day.

The fundraiser was a success and **Senator Michelle Saunders**, who chaired this effort, thanks all who supported it. We look forward to doing it again later this year.



Thank you for your support!

Staff Senate Education Grant Awards

The FSU Staff Senate Educational Scholarship

By
Senator Dwane Hodges

The Grant/Scholarship Committee of the Fayetteville State University (FSU) Staff Senate was privileged to honor two of our peers with educational scholarships for the Spring 2019 Semester. The scholarship recipients were **Ms. Paula Y. Sampson**, Office Manager/Notary Public in the Office of the Registrar, and **Ms. Kelisha B. Graves**, Academic Excellence Counselor/Freshman Seminar Instructor for the FSU Honors and Undergraduate Research Programs. They received public acknowledgement of their awards from Chancellor James Anderson during the Chancellor's Annual Holiday Christmas Party for faculty and staff this past December. Chancellor Anderson presented each winner with a symbolic check for the \$250 scholarship they would be receiving.

Both awardees are currently attending Fayetteville State University. Ms. Sampson and Ms. Graves were selected from a highly competitive field of applicants. There were more than two worthy candidates based on credentials, service to the university, and the quality of their educational pursuits, but the accompanying essays submitted by the honorees moved them to the head of the line.

Ms. Sampson is currently pursuing an MBA in Healthcare Management. This course of educational study is allowing her to hone her expertise in the field of Management, including developing her leadership and problem-solving skills. Her long-term professional goal is to become an advisor and instructor in FSU's College of Business and Economics. Ms. Graves is pursuing a PhD. in Educational Leadership. She chose this educational pathway as preparation for a career maximizing learning for underserved students and developing methods for motivational and inspirational teaching. Her long-term professional goal is to become a university Provost, and eventually a university President or Chancellor.

The Staff Senate would like to again congratulate **Ms. Paula Sampson** and **Ms. Kelisha Graves** for their outstanding educational achievement. The Grant/Scholarship committee is looking forward to the opportunity to add to the ever-growing list of educational scholarship recipients.



Ms. Paula Sampson



Ms. Kelisha Graves

Also Pictured: Dr. James Anderson, Chancellor; Mr. Velappan Velappan, Staff Senate President; Mr. Dwane Hodges, Grant Committee Chair

JANET B. ROYSTER SCHOLARSHIP

By

Suzetta Perkins



Executive Assistant to the Chancellor, Ms. Ann Zomerfeld, received the Janet B. Royster Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. She is the fourth recipient at FSU to win this prestigious award. Ms. Zomerfeld received her B.S. in Business Management from the University of Montana, a M.B.A. from Nova Southeastern University in Florida, and is presently in the Ed.D. program at FSU.

Ms. Zomerfeld used an Arthur Ashe quote, “Success is a journey not a destination,” in defining what her educational path has been. She states that her journey has come with challenges, however, it has allowed her to stretch herself beyond what she thought she could achieve. Her ultimate goal is to teach at the university level.

The purpose of the Janet B. Royster Scholarship 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.

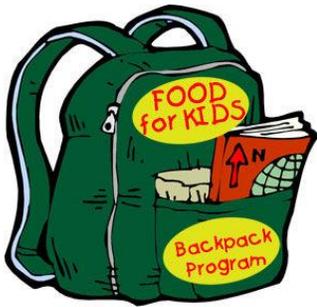
Congratulations Ms. Ann Zomerfeld.



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. Janet represented UNC-TV on the General Administration Staff Forum and was subsequently elected to the UNC Staff Assembly. She served as its first Parliamentarian until her untimely death in June 2011. 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.

Backpack Lunch Buddies Program

The Fayetteville State University Staff Senate adopted and participated in a community service project, the Backpack Lunch Buddies program, which has now become an annual event. The Staff Senate Backpack Lunch Buddies Food Drive for this year has ended with distribution scheduled for



Thursday, March 28, 2019. This year, the Senate partnered with Westarea Elementary School on Country Club Drive.

Senator Gloria Mills, the coordinator for this program, states “the goal of the program is to help fight child hunger in our community.” Donations were collected campus wide for a total weight of 572.50 pounds of food. Second Harvest Food Bank has assisted the past two years in supplying containers in which to collect and store donations. The Senate’s goal is to prepare two bags each for 40 children.

Items collected for the food drive consisted of box raisins, juices, Vienna sausages, mac n’ cheese, breakfast bars, cereal, fruit cups, snack cakes, and the list goes on. To accommodate the large plastic bags that will be given to each child, individual containers, pop-off-tops, microwaveable items were requested. Children who receive most of their food from school meals may go with little or no food when school is out on weekends; therefore, the items to be distributed are given as a supplement for meals they may not receive once school is out and during extended breaks.

“This is a wonderful event in helping to fight hunger in our community for children, one backpack at a time,” says Gloria Mills. “The outpouring has been so awesome, and we plan on making this program greater as we move forward in years to come.”

Fighting hunger is a passion of Senator Mills, and she’d like to thank the Fayetteville State University staff, faculty, and staff senate members for their donations and assistance with the food drive. She also would like to thank the Chesnutt Library student workers who assisted in picking up, loading, and sorting food items. We want to continue to be a blessing to our community.

FACTS: In North Carolina, over 118,000 children in our service area applied for free and reduced-price meals, according to the Department of Public Instruction. One in four children are at risk of being hungry in North Carolina and need help.



Thank you!

A MURDER MYSTERY ON FSU'S CAMPUS

By

Patricia Flanigan

On February 16, 2019, the FSU Staff Senate held its first "Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre." What an awesome event it was. The evening was filled with glamour, love, humor—and murder. The cast was comprised of FSU staff and members of the Fayetteville community. The off-stage support by FSU students and local businesses proved to be the needed motivation giving the night an atmosphere of a Broadway production with a star-studded cast. The evening was a fun-filled activity with a delectable dinner and glowing remarks from over 150 attendees.



Funds generated from the activity will be used in support of the Fayetteville State University Staff Senate Education Grant. This grant is awarded yearly by the FSU Staff Senate to members of the non-teaching staff in support of their educational endeavors. Staff recipients must be a full-time employee and currently enrolled in either a certification or a degree granting program. The Staff Senate supports, publicizes, advocates and, represents the interests and needs of all non-teaching staff at FSU.

The *Wedding Reception* by Archie Wilson was presented as the story of two people who are head-over-heels in love. Yet, the quarreling families have long held hidden secrets, their basis for not wanting the couple to marry. Despite the animosity of the two families against the marriage, the couple completed their nuptials. The pre-reception was the first indication that this was going to be an interesting night. Members of the wedding party had no discretion in voicing their negative thoughts about this marriage to the guests during the pre-reception. Therefore, the dinner reception began

with high tensions. Guests were talking among themselves as to what they had learned during the earlier informal reception. During the dinner, while the audience watched and listened, the father of the bride was the first of the wedding party to give remarks, and the remarks were negatively directed at the groom and members of his family. As the father of the bride ended his remarks, he collapsed and died. Thus, the mystery began.

Throughout the dinner reception, attendees were awed by the caliber of acting by their peers as well as the unfolding drama that was presented to them. Each table worked as a detective agency to solve the murder mystery and, ultimately, win the evening. The Fayetteville State University Staff Senate expresses sincere appreciation to all who supported the organization's first murder mystery fundraiser.

Cast and Support Staff

Yolanda Barnes		Bride
Larry Morning		Groom
Dwane Hodges		Father of the Groom
Marny Marsh		Mother of the Groom
La'Won Williams		Father of the Bride
Paula Sampson		Mother of the Bride
John Greengrass		Best Man
Jolanda Smith		Bridesmaid
Monica Goodwin		Bridesmaid
Rodney McCrowre		Super Sleuth
Ray Thomas		Emcee
Yolanda Barnes & Adam Glenn		Cast Directors
Leon Borders Photography		Photographer
Bryan Barber, Chris Blue & Gary Kinard		Audio & Music
Natasha Walker		Graphic Designer
Shelton Richardson		Lighting

Special Appreciation

Dr. James A. Anderson, *Chancellor*

Dr. Jon Young, *Chief of Staff*

Mr. Carlton Spellman,
Division of Business & Finance

Dr. Janice Haynie & Dr. Juanette Council,
Division of Student Affairs

Special Appreciation Con't.

Ben C. Minter & Alfreda M. Cromartie,
Office of Events Management

Aramark Food Services, Catering

Ms. Jewel Harrington,
Rudolph Jones Student Center

Ms. Cindy Harrington,
Together As One Bride Boutique

Mr. James Tillman, *JT's RSVP Tuxedos*

Williams & Williams Events Planning,
Dining Room Table Decor

FSU Police & Public Safety

FSU Print Shop

FSU Ticket Office

FSU Staff Senate



Super-duper kudos to the
Murder Mystery Planning Committee

Patricia G. Flanigan, *Committee Chair*

Linda Saunders, *Committee Co-Chair*

Yolanda Barnes, *FSU Alumni*

Shenetta Dudley, *Senator*

Tammiika J Frowner, *Senator*

Sonya Knight, *Senator*

Gloria Mills, *Senator*

Armescia Moody,
Vice President, Staff Senate

Michelle Saunders,
Membership Coordinator, Senator

Velappan Velappan,
President, Staff Senate

Natasha Walker,
Treasurer & President Elect, Staff Senate

Cindia Wetherwax, *Senator*

Nicholle Young, *Senator*



Happy Birthday

To the Most Amazing Staff at
Fayetteville State University

From our last publication until now-

Happy Birthday!



As a *NEW YEAR* in your life dawns,

it brings with it *new* possibilities,

and the chance to make brand *new happy* memories.

May you have a *happy* and *memorable* Birthday!

Our Executive Officers 2018-2019

FSU Staff Senate

Velappan Velappan-President

Arnescia Moody Vice-President

Suzetta Perkins- Secretary of the Senate

Roni Sterns- Corresponding Secretary

Natasha Walker- President-Elect/Treasurer

Michelle Saunders-Coordinator of Membership

Velappan Velappan- Coordinator of Web Information

Patricia Flanigan- Parliamentarian

STAFF SENATE

Influencing the quality of Campus Life

What is the Staff Senate?

Staff Senate is a forum through which FSU staff members may provide input on campus policies, procedure, and programs. It also serves as a channel by which information may be communicated to staff.

Why Participate in Staff Senate?

Participation in Staff Senate provides the opportunity to interact with colleagues on campus, to stay aware of current campus issues, and to play an active role in influencing the quality of campus life.

Why Serve?

The Staff Senate relies on the involvement of staff to accomplish our mission to represent and advocate for non-faculty Staff at FSU. There are several options for getting involved. You could join one of the Senate committees, serve as a staff representative on a university-wide committee, or serve as a Senator. You can join staff committees at any time. University-wide and Senate appointments are only at specified times of the year.

Join us for our monthly meetings:

Each 3rd Thursday at 2:00pm
JC Jones Board Room
Chesnut Library 2nd Floor



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 serve 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 Fayetteville State University, General Administration, and The University of North Carolina Systems. 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.

Together WE Can!



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Thank you for taking the time to view our publication!



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