August 29, 2012

Honorable Trustees:

The NC State Staff Senate is proud to take part in celebrating NC State’s 125th anniversary. This year we will follow the anniversary theme “Tradition and Transformation” by providing programs and services to all staff as a means to aid in educating members of our campus community on the impact NC State has had across our state and the plans to continue in transforming our world. We began our journey during our Staff Senate retreat as we heard from retired English professor, and author, Jim Clark on the history of the land grant university and how our roots were established. This was followed by Alice Warren’s presentation on Jane S. McKimmon, her work throughout NC and how her legacy lives on today. Dr. Jose Picart shared his views on how an emphasis on diversity has helped transform NC State and continues to do so. Melanie Rivera gave us a quick history tour of Centennial Campus and shared plans for future growth on that campus. We essentially participated in time travel from 1862 – 2020 in a matter of four hours. Amazing what can be accomplished at NC State!

Our new senators are eager to begin work in their committees. Committees have met and prepared plans for a multitude of activities which include, but are not limited to, campus-wide “Lunch and Learn” sessions dealing with a variety of human resource topics, efficient uses of campus resources and enhancing the campus environment, and working with the Office of Equity and Inclusion on special events and activities celebrating the varying cultures that comprise our University.

It is my pleasure to serve as Chair of this year’s NC State Staff Senate. My hope is that the work we do throughout the year will have a positive and lasting impact on the lives of all our staff, which will have a direct impact on the lives of our students, faculty and community members served throughout the state in our county extension offices and research stations. I look forward to sharing the results of our work with you at future meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

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