September 10, 2015

Honorable Trustees,

The NC State Staff Senate started off its 21st year with a staff retreat at the Lonnie Poole Club House. Guests included Chancellor Woodson; the Staff Forum Chairs from UNC Chapel Hill and UNC Pembroke; and Dr. Jeanette Moore, the incoming Chair of the Faculty at NC State. Each guest shared a few words with the Senators regarding the importance of shared governance, not only within the university, but across the UNC system. We were able to secure gift funds to purchase Staff Senate T-shirts, which were distributed to all Senators during the retreat. The shirts will be worn during Staff Senate-hosted events.

We had several exciting events happen since our new session began in July.

• The Staff Senate continues to be involved with Packapalooza, by helping with the event and providing volunteers.
• In October, we will kick off our Bountiful Harvest Food Drive. This drive will help raise non-perishable and non-food items for the NC State food pantry as well as the North Carolina Food Bank.
• In November, we will be partnering with the U.S. Marine Corps in gathering donations for the annual Toys 4 Tots drive. The Senate also recognizes our US military members on campus and across the state by displaying American flags on the lawn of the Court of Carolina (in front of the 1911 Building).
• For the 3rd year in a row, the Staff Senate plans to host a Staff Alumni Social during Homecoming week.
• The Staff Senate will also be hosting a series of Lunch and Learn sessions across campus with topics of interest to staff.
• Employee forums are continuing to take place in divisions and colleges. In particular, Facilities has held seven forums in order to allow employees on different shifts to attend and talk with their Associate Vice Chancellor.
• The Staff Senate will continue its participation and involvement in community engagement projects, such as Habit for Humanity and volunteering at the NC State Food Pantry, etc, as well as supporting the State Employees Combined Campaign and the University’s own campaign fundraising efforts.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Chair, NC State Staff Senate
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