

STAFF COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, September 25, 2007
Room 274

The Bainbridge College Staff Council was called to order by Rich Messersmith, Staff Council Chair, at 2:35PM. He welcomed our Blakely staff, present by webcast.

Patty Eenigenburg read the minutes from the last meeting (July 17, 2007). Berry Penhallegon made a motion to accept and Alicia Messersmith seconded and the minutes were approved.

Rich Messersmith proceeded with the first order of business, the staff survey. He planned to pass them out at the end of the meeting and personally distribute the survey later in the day to those who missed the meeting. The Blakely staff also had surveys distributed on their campus. He asked that the surveys be returned to him by Friday, September 28.

The next order of business concerned the Bylaws proposed revisions. Rich explained we were unable to find enough volunteers to form a Bylaws committee as we had hoped, so the executive committee met and suggested some revisions. Other revisions were suggested by staff members as well. There are really only three changes we are proposing:

1. On page one, under Article IV: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Change the wording to "The Executive Committee of the Staff Council shall be elected by the Staff with [three members coming from hourly employees](#) and two (2) from salaried employees."

2. On page three, under Article VI: ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Add: "[The Executive Committee must consist of no more than one \(1\) staff member from an individual department.](#)"

3. Change the wording on vacant positions to:

["Vacant positions will be filled by appointment by the Executive Committee. The appointed member will complete the term of the vacated position."](#)

Announcements were then given by:

Marcia McRae - concerning the BC Cookbook for our 35th anniversary. The plan is for the book to be published no later than next October, but they have high hopes for a spring publication as graduation gifts and Mother's Day gifts.

Bainbridge College will host the Georgia Literary Festival's 10th anniversary in conjunction with BC's 35th.

There are many needs to fill in creating this cookbook, starting with committees formed by representatives from the Ambassadors, the Foundation, Staff, Faculty, Alumni, and Students.

Committees will be needed for:

Collecting, reviewing, and formatting recipes
Publication & promotion
Data input for recipes and history
Proofreading the product
Collecting history and art
Distribution and sales
Advertising
Selling cookbooks (money goes to BC scholarships)

They also may plan a Taste-off Contest and a People's Choice Award

Next, **Christina Jackson** brought the staff up-to-date on the Staff Development Fund. As of September 10, 2007, five awards have been issued for requests from professional development to continuing education. The next Staff Development committee meeting will be Monday, October 8. The committee needs all applications turned in no later than October 3, 2007. They are also beginning to plan for the third annual staff orientation to be held the first week of June, 9:00 to noon.

Rich Messersmith then announced the new staff hired since our last meeting. Three were from our main campus: Darlene Herndon, Tiffany Rambo, and Lisa Reyes-Smith. Three were from Blakely: Constance Bell, Nina Causey, and Sandra Rogers.

Spencer Stewart announced that the BC Foundation wants to start a new scholarship in John Hinson's name by means of a golf tournament. The tournament will be held November 19. It is \$50/player with a 4-person team. You can also sponsor a "hole" for \$100. A sign will be displayed at that hole designating your sponsorship.

Scott Dunn was asked how the new website is developing. He said the committee had not met yet, but they also had not received much input from staff and faculty. He encouraged us to send them ideas of websites that we like or dislike. When we are on the web and see one that would be a good example, send it to them. The committee hopes to show demos around Thanksgiving and have a new website by spring.

Rich Messersmith asked if there were any more announcements, but after no more announcements were given, there was a motion to adjourn by Scott Dunn and seconded by Shana Dean. It was unanimous that we adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm.