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STAFF COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 28, 2008 EISENBERG SOCIAL HALL	
Members Present:	Jessica Adams, Amanda Balwah, Rebecca Brown, Trish Garner, Tomika Haney-Springs, Erin Haynes, Harriette Jones, Annette Joyner, Lisa Lambert, Diane Millette, Fred Neely, Tonya O'Neal, Cathy Pighini, Susan Porter, Ginger Salmons, Mike Shoaf, Alice Thompson, Martha Urbanik, Jessica Williams
Welcome	Cathy Pighini thanked the outgoing representatives for attending the meeting and COO George Burnette for contributing funds for the luncheon. The council recessed briefly for lunch.
Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cathy introduced the officers and representatives for the 2008-09 year and announced that Kim Pauley is stepping down as chair-elect but will continue to serve as representative for District 2. Amanda Balwah volunteered to serve as chair-elect. Since she had originally received the second highest number of votes for that position, her service was legal under Staff Council Bylaws. • Cathy acknowledged the outgoing representatives in attendance – Jim DeCristo, Debbie Frezell, Leslie Kamtman, Gail Phillips, Dalcyrus Simmons, Suzanna Watkins, and Lauren Whitaker – and presented certificates thanking them for their service during the last two years.
Approval of Minutes	The meeting was called to order and a motion made to approve the minutes of the last meeting. The motion was seconded and passed to approve the minutes as written.
Committee Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rebecca Brown reported that the Education and Employee Relations Committee held its first meeting on 8/20/08. The committee has 5 members and met to define their goals for the year. They are awaiting the results of the Employee Appreciation Week survey. Cathy added that she will be meeting with Human Resources next week to determine how the committee will interact with that office. • Amanda Balwah reported that the Communications Committee has 15 members and has also held one meeting to brainstorm about ideas for the first newsletter and plan for the all-school potluck this year. Katherine Taylor from Music has volunteered to serve as the photographer for Staff Council. Their next meeting will be September 18. The campus community is invited to email Amanda with any suggestions they might have for these activities. • The Membership and Election Committee chair Tonya O'Neal is working with past chair Jim DeCristo on plans for future elections. Several suggestions regarding communication and the possibility of electronic voting were discussed. • Jessica Adams will hold the first meeting of the Community Service committee next week. Anyone with suggestions for projects this year is asked to email her. The committee is interested in suggestions for projects

	for each month and/or term during the next year.
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A date has not yet been determine for Convocation for faculty and staff. Student Convocation will be held September 17. • COO George Burnette has approved funds for membership packets for new employees that will include small gift items and information about the campus. A current employee will take new hires to lunch, also funded through the COO. • Future council meetings will have refreshments to encourage participation in council business and activities, as part of the funding from the COO. • The UNC Staff Assembly has appointed a committee to review the data received from the tuition waiver survey. A report of the results will be emailed when they are available. • Cathy asked for volunteers to serve as alternate delegates to the UNC Staff Assembly meetings in the event the current officers could not represent UNCSCA. Jim DeCristo gave an overview of the assembly meeting functions; alternates basically gather information to report back to Staff Council. It was suggested that 2 alternates be designated to ensure sufficient representation. Tonya O’Neal and Jessica Adams volunteered to serve. Jim reminded the delegates that for an alternate to be able to vote on any assembly agenda item the chair of the UNC Staff Assembly must be notified prior to the scheduled meeting. • Cathy will send information from the last UNC Staff Assembly videoconference, the new NC law regarding the school’s name change, and the new campus smoking policy to council members. Guidelines on the use of the new campus name and logo have already been emailed from the Marketing Office. • The Environmental Fair will be held Saturday, September 27, 10 AM-2 PM, and will be open to the public this year. Whole Foods will sponsor the event.
Next Meeting	The next meeting will be held September 18 in the large conference room on the second floor of Hanes Student Commons (the Fishbowl).
Minutes submitted by:	Martha Urbanik