The Chair’s Report

by Susan Colby
Chair, UNC Staff Assembly

Happy Spring Everyone! I’m sure we’re all ready for a change of season after the past few months filled with adverse weather events throughout the state. That being said, let me take this opportunity to give thanks and praise to the hardworking men and women across NC who hold the positions deemed “essential personnel”. Due to your efforts our students have been fed, our sidewalks and roadways cleared, and our campuses remained safe, along with many other necessary duties during difficult times in which most of us were home safe and warm with our families. On behalf of the UNC Staff Assembly “Thank you” for all you have done to, once again, keep our campuses and affiliates operating during stressful times.

I also want to express gratitude to all of you who have participated in campus / affiliate-wide efforts for service during the months of February and March. Our “UNC Staff – Impacting Our Communities through Service”, (formerly ‘Have a Heart Campaign’), has been active across the state emphasizing service both on campus and in our local communities. Food drives, making cards for active-duty service men and women, work with community gardens, assisting at rescue and no-kill animal shelters, and collecting non-perishable items for

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Our goal is to improve communications, understanding, and morale throughout the whole of our respective communities, and to increase efficiency and productivity in campus operations.
UNC Greensboro is one of only a few Universities in the nation to obtain a special distinction from the watchdog organization called Education Trust. They named UNCG as one of the best programs in retaining and graduating students.

UNCG takes pride in being a learner-centered public research university and a cultural leader in offers of concerts, lectures, and dance and theatre performances.

UNCG was established in 1891 as a normal school then, became a Woman's College in 1932 and now has been coed since 1963.

Celebrating a unique anniversary 50 years ago this University changed its name and added a whole new population to its ranks-MEN.

UNCG is garnering national attention and awards for its challenging academic programs, supportive environment and engaged community.

UNCG is launching its first fully online doctoral degree. For more information click here.

Celebrating 50 Years

5th Best Graduate Schools in America 2013 guide also ranks UNCG's counselor education program in the nation.

27 Average class size

17:1 Student/Faculty ratio

56th College Factual ranks UNCG in the nation on its "Best Colleges for the Money"

45th In the nation UNCG’s online master’s in nursing program ranked alongside Yale’s and out-ranked Duke's. UNCG’s online master’s program in education ranked 61st.

2510 largest freshmen class ever (2009) with ethnic minority enrollment at about thirty-three percent.
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backpacks (Backpack Buddies) have led the way in serving North Carolinas from Cullowhee to Elizabeth City and everywhere in between. If you haven’t been involved, please check with your staff organization representative to find out how you can get involved with efforts sponsored by your organization.

Finally, as we progress towards the end of the academic year, many of us will celebrate the work and outstanding achievements of our colleagues through campus and organization staff awards programs. I encourage you to congratulate those on your campus, or within your affiliate group, who will be identified for their excellence in service over the next few months. You will find the dates of those award programs further in this newsletter.

Thank you again to each of you, for all you “do for the U” and I, and the Staff Assembly, look forward to hearing from you soon.

Faculty/Staff Parking on UNC Campuses

The chart on the right shows a comparison of annual parking fees charged for UNC system faculty and staff to park on campus. It is interesting to note that while fee amounts have a wide range, all campuses charge their employees to pay to park at their place of university employment.

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Rip Turner Named UNC Pembroke’s 2013 Employee of the Year

Turner (Enrollment Management) was named Staff Council’s Employee of the Year. On January 7, The Staff Council presented him with a plaque, gifts, including GPAC tickets and Act One dining for two, and a reserved parking space for the year.

Turner joined the university in 2006. “I have never received a complaint about Rip or his service,” said Lela Clark, director of Admissions. “I have, however, received calls from external constituents who wanted to tell me what a great job our switchboard operator does.”

“He is the first voice of the university for many of our callers, and he is the first point of contact for visitors who come into Lumbee Hall,” Clark said. “We all know how important first impressions are and Rip is a great ambassador for UNCP. Rip’s positive attitude and outstanding customer service has contributed greatly to our recruitment efforts and success throughout his time at UNCP.”

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Winston Salem State University's Staff Senate hosted a cooking workshop with N'Gai Dickerson, Executive Chef at Nouvelle Urban Cuisine in High Point, NC. The healthy recipes are shared below.

### CAROLINA JERK CHICKEN (4-6 Servings)
- 6 Chicken Thighs (boneless / skinless)
- 1 Tbl. Chopped Chives
- 1 Tbl. Kosher or Table Salt
- 1 Tsp. Ground Allspice
- 1 Tsp. Freshly Ground Black Pepper
- 1 Tsp. Soy Sauce
- 2 Tsp. Fresh Ginger, minced
- 1 Tbl. Garlic, chopped
- ¼ c Medium Diced Red Onion
- 1 Tsp. Dried Thyme
- 1 Tbl. Brown Sugar
- 1 Tsp. Cinnamon
- 1 Tsp. Chipotle Powder
- 3 Tsp. Apple Cider Vinegar
- 2 Tsp. Fresh Cilantro, chopped
- ¼ c Olive Oil

1. Rinse chicken pieces, trim excess fat.
2. Combine all other ingredients in food processor and puree to a smooth consistency.
3. Place chicken in a large bowl. Pour puree over chicken, cover and let marinade in refrigerator overnight.
4. Remove chicken from marinade. Grill, broil, or pan roast chicken until it reaches an internal temperature to 165 degrees F.
5. After chicken cools, dice into bite-sized pieces.
6. May be reheated using 1 Tbl. Coconut oil (optional).

### NOUVELLE ISLAND RICE (4-6 Servings)
- 1 ½ c Jasmine Rice
- 1 Tbl. Ginger, minced
- 3 Tsp. Coconut Oil, divided
- ¼ c Thai Coconut Milk
- 1 Bell Pepper (Red), diced
- Salt & Pepper, to taste
- 1 Tbl. Yellow Onion, minced
- 1 Tsp. Garlic, minced
- 2 c Vegetable Stock
- 1 Tbl. Dried Fruit
- ¼ c Lime Juice
- Red Pepper Flakes, pinch

1. Heat coconut oil (2 tbl.) on medium high. Add diced onions then rice. Stir until oil has coated the rice and the onions are fragrant.
2. Add vegetable stock, cook until boiling. Then, reduce to a medium-low, cover and simmer until rice is tender and liquid has absorbed (about 20-25 minutes).
3. Heat sauté pan on medium heat and add 1 tsp. oil, add red pepper flakes, ginger, then garlic. Cook until fragrant (do not brown).

### WILD BERRY COBBLER (4-6 Servings)
- ½ c All-Purpose Flour
- 1 Tsp. Baking Powder
- 2 Tbl. Unsalted Butter
- 2 Tsp. Cornstarch
- 1 Tsp. Lemon Juice
- 2 c Granulated Sugar
- ¾ Tsp. Salt
- ¾ c Boiling Water
- 2 Tbl. Cold Water
- 2 c Frozen Berries

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees.
2. In large bowl, add ½ cup sugar, baking powder, and salt. Cut butter until mixture is a coarse crumb.
3. Stir in boiling water into crumb.
4. In a separate bowl, dissolve cornstarch with cold water. Mix in remaining sugar (1 ½ c), lemon juice, berries. Heat mixture in saucepan until a low boil, stirring frequently.
5. Once mixture is heated, pour in 9 inch baking pan or casserole dish. Spoon dough mixture on top of fruit mixture.
6. Bake in preheated oven until dough is golden brown. (approx. 25-30 minutes.)
News from UNC Campus Staff Committees/Councils/Forums/Senates

- Appalachian State Staff Senate
  Staff Senate Calling for Nominations
- East Carolina University Staff Senate
  Staff Appreciation Week April 7-11, 2014
- Elizabeth City State University Staff Senate
- Fayetteville State Staff Senate
- North Carolina A&T Staff Senate
- North Carolina Central University Staff Senate
  Shout Out to Janice Mack Guess on publishing her first book!
- North Carolina State University Staff Senate
  Managers Conference on Leadership & Diversity
- UNC Asheville Chancellor's Staff Advisory Committee
- UNC-Chapel Hill Employee Forum
  Employee Forum currently accepting nominations for Peer Recognition Awards
- UNC Charlotte Staff Council
  Faculty vs. Staff Chili Throw Down Thursday April 3, 2014
- UNC Greensboro Staff Council
  Faculty vs. Staff Kickball Challenge – April 22, 2014
- UNC Pembroke Staff Council
  Rip Turner named 2013 Employee of the Year
- UNC Wilmington Staff Council
  Collected 2,015 pounds of food in the 2014 Food Bank Food Drive
- UNC School of the Arts Staff Council
  Staff Council Calling for Nominations
- Western Carolina University Staff Senate
  Staff Senate Survey Results available
- Winston-Salem State University Staff Senate
  2nd Annual WSSU Community Yard Sale April 5, 2014
- North Carolina School of Science and Math Staff Council
  Staff Forum Seeking Volunteers for Several Committees
- UNC General Administration Staff Forum
The purpose of this newsletter is three-fold…

1 - to relay information that will support the shared congratulations and encouragement for campus and employee accomplishments

2 – to update state employees on developments pertaining to issues of employment and campus development that are common to all campuses

3 – to share information between campuses that may encourage employees to embrace new programs or ideas which would benefit and encourage each campus’ staff employees and in turn, their campus community.

News items and suggestions for future issues may be submitted via email to the chair of the Staff Assembly Communications and Technology Committee, Patsy Seiler at seilerp@uncsa.edu.