MEMBERS PRESENT: Katherine Alford, Carol Anderson, Diana Barbee, Elaine Berry, Wes Berry, Chris Bledsoe, Sheila Burleson, Erin Carpenter, Carol Carpenter-Stoudt, Sarah Chapman, Bob Charlebois, Betsy Craft, Maureen Doran, Monique Eckerd, Micah Fairchild, Jane Fitchlee, David Freeman, Tony Grant, Alyce Gryder, Kara Harmon, Sandy Hicks, Natalie Hill, Tami Johnson, Kim Jones, Sheryl Kane, Loretta Link, Kathy Mann, Denise Marsh, Jennifer Maxwell, Jackie McInturff, Lisa Moore, Seth Norris, Jenny Primm, Kathy Ray, Amy Sanders, Katherine Sbarbaro, Barbara Scarborough, Cathy Scott, Janet Seatz, Jamie Seay, Jamie Tedder, Marlena VanVliet, Kelley Wolcott, and Cathy Ziegler.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Kathy Deas, Sali Gill-Johnson, Janice Smith, Adam Jones, and Angel Wood

MEMBERS ABSENT: Michelle Boisclair, Judy Cereghino, Lou Ann Church, Kay Clark, Pam Cline, Donna Davis, Gloria Eggers, Susan Hisle, Kathy Howell, Julie Huffman, Edward Hyle, Kristine Hyle, David Jamison, Sharon Kincaid, Dianne Lowenberg, Mark Lunsford, Clinton Marsh, Carolene McGlamery, Patrick McCoy, Tina Parlier, Tanya Randall, Rob Robertson, Stacy Sears, David Shervington, Jeff Tickle, Shelly Wainscott Wallin, Lisa Watson, Todd Williams, Krystal Wilson, Laura Young, and Vickie Young.

The June 8, 2010 Staff Council meeting was called to order at 1:32 pm by Bob Charlebois.

President’s Update:

Bob briefly updated the council on the UNC Legislative Day in Raleigh on May 25 – ASU had one of the largest contingents of all the campuses with 3 groups of students, alumni, faculty, staff and administration. He and several other individuals met with Senator Joe Sam Queen, Senator Linda Garrou, Representative Jennifer Weiss, and Representative Bryan Holloway.

Basic message presented was to minimize cuts to the university, to fund need based aid, and to keep tuition increases with individual campuses and not send to Raleigh.

Bob encouraged all staff council members to contact representatives and senators to keep the budget issues in the forefront.

I. May 11 Meeting Minutes:

Alyce Gryder moved to accept the minutes from the May 11, 2010 meeting. Jackie McInturff seconded. Motion carried. Minutes were approved as written.
II. Treasurer’s Report: Accepted for Information.

**Treasurer’s Report**  
*6/8/2010*

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III. Guest Speaker: Natalie Best - ASU International Education and Development

Host program for International Students:

A. What is involved? Anyone can be a host family.
   Two Avenues to be involved with an International Student:
   a) By ‘adopting’ an international student (does NOT live with you) and involves basically ‘being their friend’. Minimum level of commitment is one event with the student per month.
August 16 is international orientation. There will be a ‘introduction’ picnic for the international students and their ‘hosts’ on August 17 at 5 pm in Junaluska Park. This is an excellent opportunity to get to know the international students and provides an easy way to feel comfortable with the students. The group involvement provides a better starting point for all concerned. Your attendance is strongly encouraged if you want to be a host.

Precautions – their Visa does not allow them to work off campus. (No babysitting, etc.) Do not make arrangements for them to work off of campus. Don’t proselytize to them.

b) Can participate by hosting “excursions” for International Students. Hosting something at your house for 20 students for meal; skiing for 4 people, etc. International Office has the Excursion Form to complete if you are interested in that. Taking students to the grocery store or shopping or even if you are going hiking on the Parkway. These things can be very simple outings. Thanksgiving dinner is an excellent opportunity for these international students to experience an American tradition.

B. Why ASU has this program?

A lot of universities do not have this program for liability issues. ASU is fortunate to have this program. When Natalie conducts the ‘exit’ interview when the international students return home, they respond 100% of the time that they enjoyed their time here because of the warm and welcoming people in the area. The Host program is one of the ways this is accomplished.

There are currently 160 international students and are expecting possibly 100 more for Fall 2010. All types of students are enrolled – undergraduate, graduate and no-degree seeking. Young scholars can also come (under 25) which are not serviced by the ‘student’ events. These scholars are encouraged to participate with the “host” program as well.

C. How do I apply to be a host?

Applications are available online at www.international.appstate.edu

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

A. HR New Staff Orientation

Staff Council has 10 minutes on the HR agenda to let new staff employees know about Staff Council. The presentation takes only 8 minutes or so. Bob asked for volunteers to fill up the vacant spots. Marlena VanVliet did several of these orientations last year and has a “script” she will share others that would like it. The sign-up sheet was passed to the members. Bob reiterated that this is an excellent opportunity to build the Staff Council membership with new employees.

B. 1) Constitution Revisions – Seth Norris presented recommendations for revisions
to the constitution. Only one substantive revision regarding the Vice President’s duties is included in the recommendations. Discussion ensued about what constitutes a ‘quorum’. The revisions are tabled until next month’s meeting.

2) By-Laws Revisions - Seth Norris presented recommendations for revisions to the Staff Council By-Laws.

After more discussion about what constitutes a “quorum”, it was decided to table the by-laws revisions until next month’s meeting.

The Membership committee will work on the current Staff Council membership roll to update active members. This will enable a valid quorum at next month’s meeting.

C. Scholarship Committee – Elaine Berry

The following individuals were awarded scholarships:

- Simone Anderson $1000
- Matthew Church $1000
- Chandra Houck $900
- Forest Owenby $900
- Tyler MacDonald $900
- Holly Lusk $800 (renewed)
- Kelsey Stansberry $700
- Jared Pitts $500
- Emily Wood $500
- Chase Mitchell $300
- Gayle Anderson $850 (Endowed Scholarship)

Cathy Ziegler updated the council on the $7000 raised for scholarships for our campus. Appreciation was expressed to the Fundraising Committee for their outstanding service this past year.

V. Freshman Move-In Report – Jenny Primm

August 20 is freshman move in. Email will be sent for signing up to work both the East and West side tents. These tents are located where students are dropped off. Our goal is to provide a friendly face to provide maps and refreshments. Time slots go from 8 am until 6 pm. We do not help with the move-in. We direct students and families to where they need to go.

T-shirt orders are due when one signs up. Please give Jenny your t-shirt size when you sign up for your time slot. Council members may use up to 4 hours of community service leave for this event.

VI. Fundraising Committee Report – Barbara Scarborough
In past years, through several fundraising events, various amounts of funding have been received. Last year, the Fundraising Committee raised $7000. This was due, in a large part, to the Dining Pass which netted $6800. This is a good fund raiser. Special thanks to Jen Maxwell for the initial idea. Silent Auction was tabled because of the depressed economy. The wheel barrow fund raiser netted $444.00

VII. Human Resources – Patrick McCoy is on vacation so there were no updates.

VIII. Council Concerns – There were no concerns expressed.

IX. Kudos – Cathy Ziegler presented kudos for June. May recipient was not present. Will hold until July meeting. June kudos recipients are:

Scholarship Committee members - Elaine Berry, Betsy Craft, Diana Barbee, Kathy Deas, Julie Huffman, Kristin Hyle, Tami Johnson, Kathy Mann, Angel Wood and Jamie Seay.

X. Adjournment - Loretta Link moved to adjourn the meeting. Jackie McInturff seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 2:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Carpenter-Stoudt
ASU Staff Council Secretary