

STAFF COUNCIL MEETING	
DATE: 10/10/25	TIME: 9:30am
LOCATION: Virtual Teams Meeting	NUMBER OF ATTENDEES: 80
MEETING START TIME: 9:30am	ADJOURNMENT TIME: 10:21am
NOTE TAKER: Abigail Ledezma	
PRESIDENT'S REPORT NOTES:	
Thanks staff members who are balancing the fall break from schools surrounding our institution and their families. Enrollment Growth – student enrollment and credit hours increased. President's Annual Gala – President's participating annually. Invites attendance. Faculty and Staff Campaign - raised over \$100,000 in funds. Knights Give also impacted on the new NCAA Athletic program. New government relations rep will be visiting campus – Merritt Wall from Valdosta State University, General Assembly working with community relations – Randy Thompson and Doug Rizer. Discussed Commencement approaching. Commencement speakers are set.	
MINUTES	
OLD BUSINESS	
DISCUSSION	Ms. King discussed improvements for the staff council websites. A form will be sent regarding things that our staff council members are involved in and post via social media. Examples discussed about celebrating our members like graduation. Introduced Celebrate Knight Champions part of improvement for the staff council website.
CONCLUSION	Chair – Chad Dent thanks staff council for their support and to send any questions and emails so that he can assist.
NEW BUSINESS	
DISCUSSION	Chair-Elect: vacant position, a person has shown interest and will be in contact with process to discuss position election and appointment for position. October 17th deadline for submitting for interest/nominations for Chair-Elect position.

	Holiday Decorations: sections of MGA, Macon Campus, Cochran Campus, and Dublin Campus. Need Chair and person to lead Holiday Decoration Committee. The individual will determine decorations available and inform if purchase is needed for new decorations. Ms. King and Ms. Whitehead volunteered for this committee. Mr. Woods – students experiencing food insecurities. Food Drive ongoing. Requesting food items that are nonperishable. Ms. Mimbs requested link via email with information about food drive campaign. Ms. Aja Johnson mentioned she would be able to help with the information for food drive. Ms. O’Neal – Goth Tabor – Library Events Dates – October 14th, 16th, 21st, 22nd, and 28th. Trick & Treat campus wide. Discussed map details for trick & treat events. If want to be part, send email to be added to map. The library will screen films on October 30th. Mr. Woods reminded staff council about wellness event.
CONCLUSION	Chair – Chad Dent opened floor for questions, comments, promoted events for department or school.
ITEMS OF ACTION	
1.Chair-Elect Vacant Position	5.
2.Holiday Decorations	6.
3. Continue Staff Council Website Improvements	7.
4.	8.
OTHER NOTES	
Guest Speaker: Dr. Jennifer Brannon, Student Affairs The Importance of Building Great Teams—build a Healthy Team. Dr. Brannon discussed importance of team building and teamwork in higher education. One mission is to serve students. Dr. Brannon goes on to explain our connections and collaboration among our offices here at MGA. Dr. Brannon thanks our staff council group for the impact they have on students and their teams. Dr. Brannon opens floor for questions. Several questions were asked and answered. An engagement report will be share with staff council group. Chad Dent, Chair will be receiving the engagement report and sharing with staff council group. Secondary Speaker: Ms. Aja Johnson, Human Resources 2025 Annual Training Reminder: October 31, 2025 -Due to Faculty, Staff, and Student Workers	

CSA Training required for those who identified as CSA. If person designated as CSA, they would receive a separate email with training details.

2025 Health & Wellness Festival: October 2nd – October 20th. Discussed about different events happening on several campuses.

Great Colleges to Work For Award – 2025

Additional Speaker: Ms. Sherry King

Ms. Sherry King initially had issues with her mic. But she was able to speak after her mic became available again. Discussed initiatives regarding staff council website and new section within website called Celebrate Knight Champions.