The Chair’s Report

by Kelley Eaves-Boykin

In the 2009-2010 Staff Assembly year, we made a lot of changes and positive moves in a lot of ways. I gave you several action steps and initiatives to “Enhance our Staff's Participation” on our campuses and at our affiliates. Now we are moving into a new Staff Assembly year, this is a new day in the UNC Staff Assembly and I ask you, are you ready to motivate our staff to greatness, move them in a positive direction, and jump into action by putting real action into our action plan?

We will continue our focus on transparent and open Communication, expand our reach to Collaborate more between the campuses, working more with the faculty and including the students in on our initiatives, we look to help Develop our staff into happier, smarter, and healthier staff, by the creation of the Staff Assembly scholarship for staff and enhancing the Erskine B. Bowles Staff Service Award and we will grow our Community Service outreach campaign from a day of service to a month of service in February.

On October 11, 2010, I met with the Staff Assembly’s executive committee, the committee chairs, and the campus chairs. I charged them to step up to be better leaders, more effective and efficient leaders. I challenged them to be committed to investing in themselves, to be more committed to their families, their jobs, their councils/senates, and to the Staff Assembly. On October 12, I challenged the Staff Assembly General body to do the same, now I am sending this message to you, the more than 32,000 staff of the UNC system! I’ve set expectations for myself to become a better leader, a more effective and efficient leader, so let's do this together! It is a new day in the Staff Assembly, and we are all a part of this new direction!

As a staff member in the UNC system, you are a member of the Staff Assembly. I'm excited about our call to action and we have work to do!! So again I ask you, the staff of the University of North Carolina system, are you ready to motivate our staff to greatness, move them in a positive direction, and jump into action by putting real action into our action plan?

I invite you all to our website for more information on the UNC Staff Assembly and your elected Delegates: http://northcarolina.edu/staffassembly

Thank you!

Election of Officers

At the meeting of the Staff Assembly held on October 12, 2010, the following officers were elected. Standing (Left to Right): Jeff Tatham, At-Large Delegate; Adam Reagan, Communications Director; Margo Gross, At-Large Delegate; Kelley Eaves-Boykin, Chair; Janet Royster, Parliamentarian; Bonnie Derr, At-Large Delegate; Chuck Brink, Chair-Elect; and LaMonica Singleton, Vice Chair.
Administrative Update

Up-to-date information regarding what’s happening at General Administration

At its November 5th meeting, the UNC Board of Governors honored President Bowles, who is set to retire in December after five years of outstanding leadership to the University of North Carolina. The Board honored him with a resolution and an engraved bronze medallion. They spoke of President Bowles’ major accomplishments and initiatives, particularly the conception, planning and implementation of UNC Tomorrow. A copy of the resolution is posted on the University’s web site: http://www.northcarolina.edu/resolutions/index.php

In other business, the Board approved the 2011-13 Budget Priorities of the Board of Governors. The President, the chancellors, campus staff, and General Administration staff all collaborated in the development of the budget priorities. The budget priorities as recommend by the President identify the operating and capital funding needed to carry out the highest priorities of the University identified by the President, the chancellors, and the Board of Governors, which include:

- Campus safety & security
- Our citizens & their future: Access to Higher Education
- Increase Efforts to Recruit & Retain High-Quality Faculty
- Our Communities & Their Economic Transformation
- Our Health
- Our Children & Their Future: Improving Public Education
- Our University’s Outreach & Engagement

The Board would continue discussions regarding its plan to tie enrollment growth funding to retention and graduation rates.

The 1st Erskine B. Bowles Service Award

“Adam is a humbling person” said Chris Miller, UNC Asheville health and safety officer, who serves on the assembly with Reagan. “Every time I’m around him, I find out something amazing that he’s done.” Those amazing things didn’t stop when Reagan got some bad news last spring. While running a 5K, Reagan lost consciousness and suffered from puzzling short-term memory loss. Doctors were baffled and ordered more tests. Finally, they discovered a mis-routed artery. Reagan’s condition did not require surgery and the doctors advised that he could continue his lifestyle.

After his treatment, Reagan became a bone marrow donor who was selected from the National Bone Marrow Registry as a match for an anonymous cancer patient. Reagan’s other achievements include spearheading the Have A Heart Campaign at UNC Asheville; serving as co-chair of the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life; and volunteering with the State Employees’ Combined Campaign.

Adam Reagan, Information Technology Services Applications Analyst from the University of North Carolina at Asheville was presented with the first Erskine B. Bowles Staff Service Award. Reagan was honored for his agility for life, ability to overcome adversity, and his outstanding commitment to UNC Asheville, the Asheville Community, the UNC system and to humanity as a whole.

WSSU Signs MOU Agreement with Hubei University of Chinese Medicine – The formal agreement signed this past September, will enable nursing students from WSSU and students from Hubei University of Chinese Medicine to collaborate on professional nursing education.

Diggs Gallery – The art Gallery located on WSSU’s campus in the O’Kelly Library celebrated its 20th Anniversary on October 15. Diggs Gallery is one of the South’s leading showcases dedicated to African and African-American art. The Gallery offers one of the largest exhibition spaces dedicated to the African Diaspora in North Carolina.

The Rams Claim 2010 CIAA Cross Country Championship – WSSU Rams and Lady Rams made their “Return to Glory” complete when the teams took home both the 2010 Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) men’s and women’s cross country championships.

WSSU’s Mobile Clinic – The School of Health Sciences is providing health care services to underserved residents in the community via Rams Know H.O.W. (Health on Wheels) mobile clinic. The Forsythe Medical Center donated a mobile cruiser that will be used to provide wellness services.

WSSU’s State Employees Combined Campaign collected $23,408.