SAC Monthly Newsletter
February 2015

Our Mission “The Staff Advisory Council is part of the University System of Georgia Staff Council and represents the needs and concerns of staff at UWG. The Staff Advisory Council acts as an advisory body to the University President and shall act on behalf of the staff. Topics of discussion (past and present) include insurance, employee recognition, tuition/fee waiver, diversity in the workplace, benefits, professional growth and development, resources, etc.”

Want more information about SAC? Visit us online: www.westga.edu/sac

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Mark Your Calendars! Spring All-Staff Open Forum: Monday, March 16th at 2pm in TLC 1305. Come learn about the current state of UWG, DevelopWest, the changes in staff evaluations and more!

Update from the Traffic Light Committee: In the fall, SAC was asked to look into issues at the TLC/Bookstore intersection. After reaching out to various colleagues on campus, we found out that this issue is already in the works. UWG and the City of Carrollton will be partnering to bring a qualified traffic engineer to campus to assess the traffic issues in this precinct and propose a range of solutions. We are also asking for a proposal from the consultant to add bike lanes to West Georgia Drive as part of the Bike Share Committee that Mark Reeves is chairing. The plan is to move forward with these studies this spring so we can seek year-end funding if required.
Benefits

Did you know that you can get a discount on your cell phone bill (Verizon, Sprint, AT&T, and T-Mobile) each month? Check out the Technology and Wireless section of the Georgia State Employee Discount Page!

Visit The Team Georgia website for more details!

Human Resources

Participate in the UWG 403(b) and 457(b) Retirement Plans!

As an employee of the University of West Georgia, you have a special opportunity to prepare for the future. You can contribute to a 403(b) plan, a 457(b) plan, or both. You can set aside money through pretax or post-tax (Roth) payroll deduction contributions.

Please contact Human Resources at 678-839-6403 for more information.

What Can SAC Do For You?

As a staff member on

Campus Center

1. Guest Passes: University Recreation is no longer selling guest passes to students - effective immediately. Staff are still allowed to purchase a guest pass for a friend or family member but must receive prior approval from University Recreation in order to do so. Please, never buy a guest pass for someone you do not know.

Reason for change in policy: The reason we are no longer selling Guest Passes to students is due to the overcrowding of the facility as well as the multiple disciplinary issues we have had with guests of students not following the rules once allowed into the Campus Center.

2. Game room: The game room has relocated to the old cafe area in the Campus Center.
Development

DevelopWest is an exciting and new initiative for professional development delivered in an online setting. It is available anytime you are, providing you with the flexibility you need to complete your professional development goals outside of instructor-led courses. Currently, DevelopWest has 3,000 courses and 24,000 e-books. This is expanded and updated regularly. You no longer have to worry whether your resources and materials will remain relevant.

Please contact Tricia Durrough at pdurroug@westga.edu or Christy Rabern at crabern@westga.edu for more information.

Center. We still offer all of the same services but please be on the lookout going forward for upgrades to equipment and furniture in the coming weeks.

3. Ballroom: The ballroom is one of the most popular spots in the Campus Center and it takes a beating! Over the Winter Holiday Break we repainted and re-carpeted the entire ballroom. The UREC staff is very pleased with how the new ballroom looks and we think you will love it too!

Upcoming Opportunities:

Adventure Trips

Climbing Wall Events

Contact A.G. Jennings (ajennin7@my.westga.edu) for more information.