The College of Education’s Staff Representative Group met on Thursday, March 16th at 10:00am. In attendance were Carolyn McNearney, Tony Hall, Holly Ivy, Carol Baum, Sarah Hicks, Carolyn Burroughs, Dana Barnhart, Jason Tiller, Ashley Faris, and Heather Bailey.

Ashley welcomed the group and started the meeting by prompting standing committee updates.

Jason Tiller provided updates for the Staff Professional Development committee. The committee would like to encourage staff to apply for funding to register for the upcoming COE Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Conference. The conference is scheduled for Friday, March 24th from 8am to 12:30pm at the Georgia Center for Continuing Education.

The Lunch and Learn committee updated the group on the upcoming FLSA event scheduled for Thursday, March 23rd from 12-1pm. Sige Burden from Human Resources, along with COE’s Denise Spangler and Andy Garber, will be present to answer any questions about the recent policy changes. Staff members are encouraged to submit anonymous questions through the respective Qualtrics link (found in COEfyi) to guide the presentation.

The Staff Professional Development committee and the Lunch and Learn committee are also partnering to provide a future presentation entitled “Putting Your Strengths to Work” with Dr. Marian Higgins. The date and time of the presentation will be announced once planning is finalized.

Ashley Faris provided updates for the Communications committee. She touched on the new “Health Trails Challenge” initiative by the University System of Georgia. The Health Trails Challenge will be a 6-week competition with all USG institutions focusing on tracking the following activities: steps walked, water intake, and kindness. The winning institution will be presented with the Health Trails traveling trophy. More information on the event and registration can be found here.

Dana Barnhart provided updates for the Outreach Committee. An announcement for this Spring’s Project Safe campaign will be available in upcoming COEfyi editions. All donations should be compiled by each building’s respective SRG representative and brought to the next month’s meeting for delivery to Project Safe’s headquarters.

The Spring Picnic and Years of Service committee had no updates. However, it was decided that the Years of Service ceremony will be held prior to the picnic outside.

Carol Baum gave updates regarding this year’s Staff Retreat. The retreat is scheduled on July 14th from 12-5pm at the Fireside Lounge, East Campus. Dr. Anneliese Singh will conduct various community building exercises. All COE staff are encouraged to attend.

Jason Tiller attended the most recent Staff Council meeting. President Morehead was in attendance and addressed the group. Within his address, he listed his three main goals for the upcoming year: a) increasing scholarship support for students, b) enhancing the learning environment, and c) solving the challenges present in our current climate. President Morehead
also expressed his support of the Women’s Staff Leadership Initiative. Finally, he encouraged all staff to attend Staff Appreciation Day on May 11th, Intramural Fields.

Juan Jarrett, Human Resources, was also invited to address some of the council’s salary concerns. Juan stated that he hopes to create a salary structure influenced by UGA’s principles. He hopes to take the following steps this year: a) articulate salary principles effectively, b) rebuild the classification structure, and c) marry the structure to a salary administration program.

Asheley had no Faculty Senate updates for the group.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58am. The next meeting will be held on April 20th at 10:00am in room G23, Aderhold.