



Staff Council

Full Meeting

Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2023

- Welcome
- Ice Breaker
 - Breakout rooms
 - Name 2 things you all have in common
 - Name 2 things that make you all different
 - Nominate a spokesperson
 - Born outside of US
 - Born outside of GA
 - Discussions on weather, snow, etc
 - iPhone vs Android
 - MAC vs Windows
- Staff Council Business
 - Bylaws update
 - Emory Senate Update (Dawn)
 - Arrival/Orientation of new students
 - Emory Pillars
 - \$1 Billion Grant funding
 - Supreme Court decisions on student acceptance (DEI)
 - University rankings changes
 - Vote dates
 - Climate action plan update (reduce emissions)
- SC Initiative Presentation Recap
 - (Lot) Holiday Swap of new or gently used household item, leftovers are donated
 - (Liz) Community Fridge for food insecurity, cafeteria leftovers repackaged (vote).
 - We held a vote to ensure that the members of the Staff Council were in support of this effort; it passed unanimously
- Speaker: Cyrus Bhedwar (Office of Sustainability Initiatives)
 - Zero waste goal (diverted 58% of Emory 2022 waste)
 - Sustainability Vision (10 year vision, update to 2036)
 - Princeton Review Emory Ranking Guide to Green Colleges (4th place!)
 - Climate Action Plan (art addendum, crafts)
 - Sustainability Vision
 - Emory Farmer's Market
 - Sustainability Events (Waste Sorting, Zero Waste Ambassador, Event Certificate)
 - Green Office/Green Labs/Incentives Fund
 - Volunteers
- Stretch Break
- Speaker: Hannah Joy Gebresilassie (Emory Votes Initiative, EVI)

- Fall dates shared
- Issues shared (many!)
- Positions shared
- GA Elections Calendar (all 50 states as well)
- Turbo Vote Tool (Nationwide QR code)
- GA My Voter Page
- Sample Ballot for Dekalb County shared
- Support/Volunteer at the 1599 Polling sites as Emory Ambassador
- Emory Votes Volunteer
- Our Next meeting is November 20, 2023
- Coming Events: Homecoming October 21, 2023
- Reviewed Social Media channels
- Questions/Open Discussion
- Meeting Adjourned