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Governors State University
Civil Service Senate
Minutes
May 18, 2006
Hall of Honors – 10:30 a.m.

Meeting was called to order by Rhonda Jackson at 10:30 a.m.

Present: Susan Bell, John DeYoung, Rhonda Jackson, Blondia Jasper, Shawn Jones, William Kelly, Cindy Matthias, Eric Nicholson, Renee Rainey, Crystal Richards, Donna Rutledge, Karen Sinwelski, Scott Smith, Karen Stuenkel, Janice Washington, Cindy Woodard, Jason Zelek, Debra Boyd

Excused: Kathy Miller, Donna Finn, Katie Frossard, Atha Hunt

Minutes of April 20, 2006: Correction to April's minutes – Susan Bell was excused from the April meeting. We then moved, seconded and passed to approve the minutes as read.

Rhonda's Comments: Senate meetings will start promptly at 10:30 a.m.

Guest Speakers: Gail Bradshaw, Human Resources Director and Lil Jung, Human Resource Representative, Department of Human Resources spoke to us regarding "Insurance Coverage For Same Sex Domestic Partners". For more information regarding this benefit, please refer to the Human Resources website.

Lil also mentioned that May is open enrollment for health, dental and vision insurance and reminded everyone if they were planning on making changes, please do them soon as Dave Drechsel, Benefits Counselor, has been out for several weeks, they don't know when he'll return and Lil has been handling the overload.

Employee of Month: Jason Zelek and committee met and changes were made effective March 21, 2006. Jason discussed the guidelines today. The Senate moved, seconded and passed these changes.

Senate Election Report: The following people have been elected to serve a two year term starting July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2008:

John DeYoung, Cindy Matthias, Eric Nicholson, Brenda Stennis, Janice Washington and Cindy Woodard. Susan Bell moved and Blondia Jasper seconded the motion to accept the election results.

Write-in candidates were Sheryl Jones-Harper, Tiffani Malvin, Terry Rickhoff, Karen Sinwelski and Jason Zelek. These candidates have agreed to serve on the Senate. Eric Nicholson moved and Cindy Woodard seconded the motion to accept these election results.

We still have two senate seats open. Rhonda suggested we need more representation from ITS and Bill Kelly suggested we need more representation from the FOC building.

Affairs Committee: The Spring Bake Sale was held Wednesday, May 17th. It was a huge success and the committee thanked everyone who baked and volunteered their time working at the bake sale. Renee did a wonderful job organizing this fund-raiser. Our profit was \$288.60; \$108.00 more than our bake sale last fall.

Cindy Matthias reminded everyone about the Fly-In next Wednesday, May 24th. Cindy Woodard is checking with Bob Woodard regarding the flyer, Karen Stuenkel will check with Kathy Miller regarding the ribbons for the awards, Bill and Shawn spoke for Scott that he would emcee and that possible schedule conflicts would be resolved.

Civil Service Scholarship: Rhonda Jackson announced the changes made to the scholarship deadlines, i.e., starting with the Fall 06 trimester, application submissions will be due on the first day of classes. Applications for the next term (WI 07) starts immediately the day after until that term's first day of classes, and so on.

Financial Report: Karen Stuenkel reported that she and Kathy Miller met with John Tuohy and he increased our budget for '07 by \$600.00, so we will have a total budget of \$5,000. She passed out a hand-out showing our expenses and the money we've raised for Scholarship/Educational Assistance since '03 and the increase in activities this Senate has made.

EAC Report: Debbie Boyd didn't make it to the last EAC meeting, but will be attending the upcoming Merit Board meeting.

**In final remarks, Debbie mentioned Officer Albert Berry's home caught fire. The family is safe and unharmed, but Debbie is speaking with different groups in the University to possibly have a fund-raiser or ask for donations of some type. Nothing has been decided as of this date.

Vice- President Rhonda Jackson closed the meeting at 11:00 a.m.