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Minutes

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

11:00 a.m. – Room D1496

Meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m. by Laura Owens. Roll call was done by Lynne Clayton.

	Present	Excused	Absent		Present	Excused	Absent
Lynne Clayton (2014)	X			Nancy McDaniel (2013)			X
Paula Cosenza (2014)	X			Eric Nicholson (2014)	X		
Crockett, Angelique		X		Laura Owens (2013)	X		
Andrea Dal Polo (2014)	X			Gina Ragland (2014)		X	
Joyce Giroux (2013)			X	Latonia Richmond (2013)	X		
Adrienne Gray (2013)	X			Raquel Rios-Aguirre (2014)			X
Shelina Jenkins (2014)	X			Kelly Robinson (2014)	X		
Shawn Jones (2013)		X		Mary Rothenberg (2013)		X	
Sheryl Jones-Harper (2014)			X	Karen Sinwelski (2013)	X		
Sandi Kawanna (2014)	X			Scott Smith (2013)	X		
Marlene Lees (2013)		X					

Guests: Merri Wilkerson

Approval of Minutes: Approval of Minutes was tabled due at this time.

Committee Reports:

1. **Governance Committee** – Eric Nicholson – Eric let the Senate know, that to date, there are 6 petitions for the 10 senate seats that are coming available in July. It was suggested that Lauren Escolato be approached to fill out a petition, as she will be eligible for the senate in July. Someone else mentioned that Crystal Sullivan might be interested in joining the senate. Karen Sinwelski will talk to her. Eric mentioned that he needs help preparing the ballots. Paul Consenza volunteered to work with him.
2. **Employee of the Month** – Interim Chair, Shelina Jenkins – Shelina reported that the committee is working with HR to “catch-up” with the monthly announcements, to that end, the March winner has been selected and should be announced shortly. Stephanie Juarez has been out, thus Shelina has not been able to meet with her. She will try to do that upon Stephanie’s return.
3. **EAC Report** – Maureen Bendoraitis – None at this time.
4. **Financial Report** – Shelina Jenkins – The Executive Committee approved the Regalia expenditure for the President of the Senate. The Senate has been asked to come up with half

the price of the full Regalia - \$124.50. The Regalia will be kept in the Civil Service closet and be used by the "President" at each commencement when they are asked to sit on the platform representing the Civil Service

5. **Educational Assistance Fund Report** –Lynne Clayton – Lynne let the Senate know that there were three applications for the SP13 award, one of which was disqualified for failure to provide all the documentation. The other two applications were reviewed by the committee and Lynne asked the Senate to vote on awarding the two applications. Karen Sinwelski moved that we approve the two, Sandi Kawanna seconded. All were in favor. Awards in the amount of \$150.00 were thus given to Bridget Owens, daughter of Laura Owens and Angelina Kelly, daughter of Eileen Kelly.
6. **Newsletter** – It has still not been determined who will continue with the newsletter, Kelly Robinson, Shelina Jenkins and Mary Rothenberg all expressed interest in helping at one time or the other. Also Lauren Escolato offered to help. She will qualify for senate status in July. Mary has offered to contact Lauren and between the two of them, get something moving on a new edition of the newsletter.
7. **Affairs Committee** – Andrea Dal Polo and Lynne Clayton
 - a. Pi Day – The March event made \$269.50.
 - b. Spring Vendor Fair – Gina Ragland – May 2nd from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm, is the date for the fair. Gina has sent out the vendor applications, and received quite a number of responses. This event requires many volunteers, so be ready to help.
 - c. Movie Night – Lynne suggested the senate sponsor a movie night this summer. She attended the Friday night event that Student Life put on last month and found it to be an enjoyable evening. She suggested we could even co-sponsor an event with one of the other clubs. She will look into it and see how much it would cost, etc Mary mentioned that either the CPA or Student Life has ordered equipment that makes showing movies on a big screen easy. It was also discussed that showing it in the CPA isn't absolutely necessary – Engbretson, Sherman, the E-Lounge were all mentioned, as well as the possibility of a drive-in event.
 - d. Ice Cream Socials – Andrea has reserved two dates – one each in June & July.

New Business The picnic committee will be meeting tomorrow, Laura asked for any suggestions to take to the meeting. Some suggestions included having it on a Saturday, inviting families, more games, a carnival theme.

Old Business: Laura Owens informed the Senate that the 10 University Chancellors/Presidents united and brainstormed a Pension platform and support the SURS published white paper "6 Simple Steps: SURS Reform." Laura was asked to be part of a Q&A panel for pension reform at Moraine Valley.

Adjournment: Karen Sinwelski moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 pm, Gina Ragland seconded, all were in favor.