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Minutes

Tuesday, June 12, 2012

11:00 a.m. – Room D1496

Meeting was called to order at 11:08 a.m. by Laura Owens. Roll call was done by Lynne Clayton.

Present: Lynne Clayton, Paula Cosenza, Andrea Dal Polo, Shelina Jenkins, Sandi Kawanna, Marlene Lees, Tiffani Malvin, Kelly Robinson, Laura Owens, Gina Ragland-Owolabi, Latonia Richmond, Karen Sinwelski, Pam Taylor

Excused: Joyce Giroux, Sheryl Jones-Harper, Mary Rothenberg, Karen Stuenkel, Cynthia Woodard

Absent: Eric Nicholson, Shawn Jones, Raquel Rios-Aguirre, Scott Smith

Approval of Minutes:

A motion to approve the May minutes with one minor typo was made by Karen Sinwelski and seconded by Sandi Kawanna. All were in favor. (Please note that Raquel Rios-Aguirre was added to the excused list for the May, 2012 minutes, as I noted that she was not accounted for on those minutes.)

Committee Reports:

1. **Governance Committee** – Eric Nicholson – Tiffani Malvin informed the Senate the current senators whose terms were up, were all elected for another term. However, with retirements and resignations, we are now down four senators. There were 28 write-in votes. Tiffani Malvin called all of the write-ins who were eligible to be a senator (there were 20), not one was interested in joining the senate. It was suggested that we do some marketing/soliciting at the GSU Picnic. Lynne suggested a possible “We Want You for the Civil Service Senate” campaign. The suggestions will be taken into consideration by the Executive Committee.

Kelly Robinson told the senate that she had been wrestling with the idea of resigning from the Senate for the time being, as the next six months on her educational journey would allow very little time to contribute to Senate concerns. But due to shrinking membership, as well as her desire to remain on the senate, she asked all the senators to allow her to remain as a senator even though her time commitment would be very limited. She will remain as Corresponding Secretary and continue with those duties. The senate enthusiastically agreed to keep her on as senator even with her time constraints.

Elections were held for the following executive committee positions: President, Financial Officer and Recording Secretary. Both Laura Owens and Sheryl Jones-Harper were nominated for the office of President. Laura Owens was elected for her second term to run

2012-2014. Lynne Clayton was the only nominee for Recording Secretary and was elected to serve her second term – 2012-2014. Shelina Jenkins was the only nominee for Financial Officer and was elected to serve from 2012-2014.

2. **Employee of the Month** – Tiffani Malvin – May and June EOMs will be announced together. Tiffani will follow up with Stephanie to see how soon that will be happening.
3. **EAC Report** – Maureen Bendoraitis – No report at this time.
4. **Financial Report** – Shelina Jenkins – No report at this time.
5. **Educational Assistance Fund Report** –Lynne Clayton - No report at this time.
6. **Newsletter** – Marlene Lees – Marlene sent out the June newsletter. Many senators did not receive it, so Marlene will send it out again.
7. **Affairs Committee** – Andrea Dal Polo and Lynne Clayton
 - a. Ice Cream Social – Andrea – The first one is slated for June 20th. A volunteer sign-up has been posted to the M drive. Posters will be put up, as well as a mention in the GSUView.
 - b. Joliet Slammers (7/20) - Andrea – Posters have gone up. Andrea has received 20 plus inquires to purchase tickets, however we must guarantee them 25. The affairs committee plans to set up time in the cafeteria to sell more tickets. Remember: for each \$10.00 ticket we sell, we get \$5.00.
 - c. An August event was briefly discussed – some ideas were a Kite Flying event and a “Eat Free for a Week” raffle, however it was noted that “raffles” don’t always work at GSU. Further discussions to follow.

Old Business:

The GSU Picnic plans are in full swing. Notices have gone out for RSVPs.

New Business:

In May, the BOT authorized a 3.5% raise for all civil service employees, as well as faculty and staff, effective July 1, 2012.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sandi Kawanna, seconded by Kelly Robinson. All agreed. Meeting was adjourned at 11:58 am.