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Minutes

Tuesday, May 14, 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, Angeliq		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, Lynn Johnson, Anjanette Daniels, Sheila Wiggins

Approval of Minutes: Kelly Robinson moved to approve the April minutes as is, Eric Nicholson seconded, all were in favor.

Committee Reports:

- Governance Committee** – Eric Nicholson – Eric informed the senate that 73 ballots were counted by Shelina Jenkins, Sheryl Jones-Harper & Eric Nicholson. Eight candidates that were listed by name, received a majority of the ballots and have been elected to a two year term beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2015. Spaces were provided for write-in candidates. Four write-in candidates each received more than one vote as follows: Debra Sbalcherro – 6, Mike Kaufmann- 2, Jackie Johnson – 2 and Dionne Wofford – 2. Kelly Robinson will contact these four write-in candidates to determine if they will accept a senate seat for the next two years. There were also 25 write-in candidates that each received one vote. A full roster would need 14 new senators, depending on whether the four write-in candidates choose to join the senate, the other 25 will be contacted one at a time to hopefully, complete the roster.
- Employee of the Month** – Shelina Jenkins – The committee is establishing new rules/deadlines for their vote to help move the process along and facilitate naming an EOM more towards the first part of each month. They are also looking into the picture taking process and hoping to streamline and shorten that process as well.

3. **EAC Report** – Maureen Bendoraitis – None at this time.
4. **Financial Report** – Shelina Jenkins has sent a 2013-14 requested proposal for reduction to the GSU Budget committee for their review.
5. **Educational Assistance Fund Report** –Lynne Clayton – It was suggested to streamline this process, moving the deadline up earlier and marketing the award in the previous semester to allow award of the monies to happen in the semester that they're being awarded. To that end, Kelly Robinson offered to help market. Lynne will work with Kelly.
6. **Newsletter** – The newsletter is on hold at this time until the new slate of senators begins in July, at which time a committee will be created to move the newsletter forward.
7. **Affairs Committee** – Andrea Dal Polo and Lynne Clayton
 - a. Spring Vendor Fair – Gina Ragland – Gina sent the following recap: There were 33 vendors. The table reservations brought in \$1,415. We spent \$30.00 for donuts. The event is growing, Gina already has requests from new vendors for the fall show. She stresses that volunteers throughout the day is of utmost importance. She gave a big thanks to Shelina Jenkins who stayed past 8:00 pm to make sure the vendors were safely escorted out. The next show is slated for some time in November, but the proposed date clashes with “Chicago Live” which will be on campus that day.
 - b. Movie Night – Lynne mentioned the movie night that Student Life hosted back in February and thought the senate should consider sponsoring (or co-sponsoring) a series of movie nights. More information and a possible committee needs to be developed to help make this an on-going event.
 - c. Ice Cream Socials – Andrea has reserved two dates – one each in June & July.
 - d. Picnic – the picnic will be August 16th. The Picnic Committee is busy putting all the details together. It will be a Hawaiian theme.
 - e. Possible Bus Trip – since the Civil Service Senate has a surplus of money in one of its accounts, Laura Owens suggested organizing a bus trip for civil service employees to attend some event or destination. Lynne Clayton and Kelly Robinson will work out the logistics of several ideas (ie., waterpark, micro brewery, outlet malls) and perhaps design a survey for employee input.

New Business Laura Owens proposed an investment by the Senate for the purchase of both a Civil Service Senate tablecloth and a banner. A brochure with pricing was passed around.

Old Business: Laura Owens informed the Senate that GSU SUAA DID NOT support the Presidents' Six Step but rather is looking at Glen Brown of the Teacher's Association's proposed solution. She recommended we check out his website. Laura did serve on a Q&A panel for pension reform discussion that was held in April at Moraine Valley.

Adjournment: LaTonya Richmond moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 pm, Kelly Robinson seconded, all were in favor.