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Minutes

Tuesday, October 9, 2012

11:00 a.m. – Room B2215

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

Present: X

Excused: X

Absent: X

Lynne Clayton (2014)

Paula Cosenza (2014)

Andrea Dal Polo (2014)

Joyce Giroux (2013)

Adrienne Gray (2013)

Shelina Jenkins (2014)

Shawn Jones (2013)

Sheryl Jones-Harper (2014)

Sandi Kawanna (2014)

Marlene Lees (2013)

Nancy McDaniel (2013)

Eric Nicholson (2014)

Laura Owens (2013)

Gina Ragland (2014)

Latonia Richmond (2013)

Raquel Rios-Aguirre (2014)

Kelly Robinson (2014)

Mary Rothenberg (2013)

Karen Sinwelski (2013)

Scott Smith (2013)

Guests: Jackie Small

Approval of Minutes: Kelly Robinson moved that we accept the September minutes as is, Shelina Jenkins seconded. All were in favor.

Guest Speaker: Jackie Small, from the Foundation, addressed the Senate regarding the upcoming Campus Community Campaign. This year’s theme is creating “M.A.G.I.C.” or Making A Greater Individual Commitment. She commented that participation in the campaign is down from previous years, however, she stressed that employee participation makes a huge difference not only to the GSU community but it also speaks volumes to our corporate sponsors. This year, they are asking for a $48.00 individual contribution, or just $2.00 taken automatically as a payroll deduction, twice a month. There are raffle gifts that will be periodically awarded to contributors, starting with an iPad to kick off the event, as well as T-shirts with the MAGIC logo for everyone who participates.

Committee Reports:

1. Governance Committee – Eric Nicholson – The Senate welcomed Nancy McDaniel who was voted in to replace Tiffani Malvin via email after last month’s meeting. Latonia Richmond nominated Adrienne Gray to replace Pam Taylor, Sandi Kawanna seconded. All were in favor. Welcome, Adrienne! It was clarified that we can have three Members-At-Large on the Executive committee. Karen Sinwelski has already been voted in. Both Gina Ragland and Sandi Kawanna nominated themselves for the other two positions. All were in favor. Kelly Robinson asked who all the Chairs were on the various committees, so that she could
be sure to include them on all correspondence to the Executive Committee and Chairs. It was sorted it out as follows:

**Governance Committee**: Eric Nicholson  
**Employee of the Month**: Shelina Jenkins, Interim  
**Affairs Committee**: Co-Chairs – Andrea Dal Polo & Lynne Clayton  
**Educational Assistance Committee**: Lynne Clayton  
**Personnel Resolution Committee**: Sheryl Jones-Harper  
**Correspondence Committee**: Kelly Robinson  
**Newsletter**: Marlene Lees

2. **Employee of the Month** – Interim Chair, Shelina Jenkins - Gail Bradshaw asked us to review the make-up of the EOM committee. The committee requirements are as follows: one faculty (to be named) one administrator (to be named), one civil service senator (Shelina Jenkins), one exempt civil service employee (Maureen Bendoraitis), one non-exempt civil service employee (Paula Cosenza), as well as the Employee of the Year winner from last year (Karen Sinwelski). HR has offered to help us to secure both a faculty member, as well as an administrator. Shelina Jenkins is acting chair, but once the committee roster is completed, the committee will vote in a new committee chair.

3. **EAC Report** – Maureen Bendoraitis – None at this time.

4. **Financial Report** – Shelina Jenkins – Shelina now has full access to our accounts. Sheryl Jones-Harper will reserve a car for the Council of Councils meeting on October 26th. Andrea will help create the PO for the Taffy Apple expenditure.

5. **Educational Assistance Fund Report** – Lynne Clayton – There were seven applications submitted for the Fall 2012 semester. The committee should begin reviewing them within the next two weeks. Lynne asked for a volunteer reviewer, as one of the committee members has applied for the award. Mary Rothenberg agreed to step in for this semester.

6. **Newsletter** – Marlene Lees – The September newsletter went out. A good job, as usual.

7. **Affairs Committee** – Andrea Dal Polo and Lynne Clayton
   
a. October – Taffy Apple Fund Raiser and Bake Sale – October 25th. Andrea suggested we order 20 boxes which generates free shipping, although only 7 boxes have been presold. It was decided that we could sell 20 boxes and with any leftovers, sell them clear through to the 31st. Andrea made a plea for bakers for the Bake Sale and encouraged everyone to sign up on the M drive to volunteer for both October events.
   
b. October – Chili Dawg Day – October 30th. Kelly will send out flyers to advertise this, which will also include board and card games.
c. November – Arts & Craft Fair – November 15th. Gina has sent out the applications to the vendors. Mary Rothenberg volunteered to co-chair.

d. November – Pie Auction – November 20th

e. December – Civil Service Day – December 5. Mark Kundla had to bow out this year. Lynne informed the Senate that we would be sponsoring a GSU Variety Show. She will solicit acts for the event.

Old Business:
The BOT retreat is on Friday, October 12th, and Laura encouraged everyone to attend. Breakfast starts at 8:00 am, the meeting at 8:30 am. She also mentioned the Council of Councils meeting on Friday, October 26th and reminded everyone attending to be sure and RSVP if they have not already done so.

Laura Owens informed the Senate that the Executive Committee did have an opportunity to meet with both Gail Bradshaw and Pulchratia Kenny-Smith to discuss salary range comparisons. They were receptive to our inquiries and helped the executive committee formulate a plan to go forward with the comparisons.

New Business:
Laura informed the Senate about the Proposed Amendment to Add Section 5.1 to Article XIII of the Illinois Constitution. This Amendment would be devastating to state employee pensions and she encouraged everyone to VOTE NO, as well as inform all friends and family and encourage them to VOTE NO.

Adjournment: Kelly Robinson moved to adjourn, Paula Cosenza seconded. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm