

Governors State University

Civil Service Senate Minutes

Tuesday, 06/9/2015
11:00 a.m. – Room D1496

Meeting was called to order at 11:10 a.m. by Sheryl Jones-Harper. Roll call was done by Joyce Giroux.

	Present	Excused	Absent		Present	Excused	Absent
Paula Cosenza (2016)	X			Audrey McIntyre (2016)			X
Candace Dade (2016)	X			Eric Nicholson (2016)	X		
Dennis Dent (2016)			X	Laura Owens (2015)	X		
Lauren Esolato (2015)			X	Gina Ragland (2016)	X		
Dorothea Franklin (2016)	X			LaTonia Richmond (2015)	X		
LaSheena Fuller (2016)	X			Raquel Rios-Aguirre (2016)		X	
Joyce Giroux (2016)	X			Mary Rothenberg (2015)			X
Adrienne Gray (2015)	X			Debra Sbalchiero (2015)	X		
Senator opening				Karen Sinwelski (2015)	X		
Shawn Jones 2015			X	Scott Smith (2015)			X
Sheryl Jones-Harper (2016)	X			Sabrina Slocum (2015)	X		
Sandi Kawanna (2016)		X		Merri Wilkerson (2015)	X		

Guests: Senators Elect: Melanie Easterling, Melissa Hill, Shaniqua Jones and Lynn Johnson.

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of CS Meeting Minutes for May 12, 2015, one correction noted by Laura Owens: 1 senator should fill a 1-year term. Motion to approve, 1st by Karen Sinwelski, 2nd by Dorothea Franklin. All were in favor to approve the motion.

Committee Reports:

1. **Governance Committee** – Eric Nicholson: Eric mentioned that everyone on the CSS ballot was elected. Lynn Johnson, COE, had the most write-in votes. Eric made a motion to approve Lynn Johnson as a senator-elect, Adrienne Gray 2nd the motion and the motion passed by all senators. Eric has attempted to contact other write-in candidates, but has not had much success, but will continue trying. It was stated that Johnsie

- McAuley, a write in candidate, was contacted, but she is not interested at this time. At the July meeting, election of a vice president and correspondence secretary will be held.
2. **Financial Committee** – Gina Ragland. Gina passed out a Civil Service Senate Financial Report dated 6/9/15 showing total expenditures and balances for each of the 3 CSS accounts. Gina suggested that \$1,300 be transferred from the roll-over account to the Endowment Account so we will have enough funds for future scholarships. Sheryl Jones-Harper made a motion that an additional \$1,000 be transferred to the Endowment account for CS employee training and enrichment. A vote was taken and the motion was approved by all present.
 3. **Correspondence Committee** – Laura Owens. Laura stated that a condolence plant was sent to the Mary Jones family. Laura also mentioned that since she was leaving the senate, a correspondence chair replacement was needed. **LaSheena Fuller** volunteered to take over the position once Laura leaves.
 4. **Affairs Committee** – LaSheena Fuller/Gina Ragland. Gina mentioned that refreshments will be served at next month's meeting (July) to welcome the newly elected senators. The affairs committee is planning an "Ice Cream Sundae" fund raiser for July. Also, Gina brought up a suggestion to have a "Brown Bag" event during lunchtime for Civil Service Senators to discuss ideas for Civil Service Day and possible questions to ask President Maimon at the next Town Hall meeting. A tentative date of August 8th is scheduled for the GSU employee picnic.
 5. **Employee of the Month Report** – Raquel Rios. Raquel was not available for a report. Sheryl announced that the May EOM has not been announced because the department supervisor has not responded. We are awaiting June nomination applications from HR.
 6. **EAC Report** – Ann Jaso. Ann Jaso was unavailable for a report, no updates were announced.
 7. **Educational Assistance Fund Report** – Lynn Clayton. Lynn was not available for a report; Laura Owens announced that freshmen students should be able to apply for the Educational Assistance award. Latonia Richmond will check with the chair, Lynn Clayton, regarding the criteria for student applications.
 8. **PRC/PBAC/BOT-Adm. Meeting:** -President Sheryl Jones-Harper. Sheryl reported that PBAC is searching for ways to work together across the board; one suggestion was to reduce excess spending. The "Austerity Budget" was not passed thru the General Assembly; now looking at possible 6.5% cut in budget. CSS should receive \$6,000 in their budget for FY16.

Old Business:

New Business:

Adjournment: Joyce Giroux moved to adjourn the meeting. Gina Ragland seconded the motion. All voted in favor by voice vote. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:12pm.