

Governors State University

Civil Service Senate Minutes

Wednesday, May 11, 2016 11:00 a.m. – Room D1496

	Present	Excused	Absent		Present	Excused	Absent
Paula Cosenza (2016)	X			Shaniqua Jones (2017)		X	
Candace Dade (2016)	X			Sheryl Jones-Harper (2016)	X		
Dennis Dent (2016)			X	Sandi Kawanna (2016)		X	
Melody Easterling (2017)			X	Audrey McIntyre (2016)	X		
Dorothea Franklin (2016)			X	Susie Morris (2017)	X		
Kathleen Frossard-Fisher (2017)	X			Eric Nicholson(2016)	X		
LaSheena Fuller (2016)	X			Gina Ragland (2016)	X		
Joyce Giroux (2016)	X			Raquel Rios-Aguirre (2016)	X		
Adrienne Gray (2017)	X			Deb Sbalchiero (2017)			X
Melissa Hill (2017)	X			Karen Sinwelski (2017)	X		
Lynette Johnson (2017)		X		Sabrina Slocum (2017)		X	
Senator Opening				Merri Wilkerson (2017)	X		

Guests: Joyce Coleman, Associate V.P.--Human Resources, Sandra Alvarado, Director-- Human Resources, Colleen Rock—SUAA, Lynn Clayton, Chair—Educational Assistance Committee

Meeting Opened at: 11:09am, by president Sheryl Jones Harper. Roll call was taken by Joyce Giroux.

Approval of Minutes: All present senators reviewed the minutes, a motion was made to approve by Adrienne Gray, 2nd motion: Merri Wilkerson. All voted in favor by voice vote, the April 2016 minutes were approved.

Colleen Rock, guest speaker from State University Annuitants Association (SUAA) spoke about becoming a member of SUAA. Also, a newsletter from SUAA was emailed to everyone recently.

Our next guest speaker, Joyce Coleman, mentioned that all civil service employees would be receiving a seniority list by classification via email.

Committee Reports:

1. **Governance Committee—Eric Nicholson** Melissa Hill reported the election results of the 2016 civil service senators; a copy was emailed to the CSS executive committee members on May 5th. Eric made a motion to accept the slate of elected civil service senators. Susie Morris 2nd the motion to approve the slate. All senators unanimously voted to approve by voice vote. Sheryl Jones Harper mentioned that she would email the write-in candidates inviting them to the June meeting and hopefully fill in the available openings with those candidates.
2. **Correspondence Committee—LaSheena Fuller** No report at this time.
3. **Financial Committee—Gina Ragland** No report at this time.
4. **Affairs Committee—Gina Ragland/LaSheena Fuller** Gina reported on some of the fund raising activities for the coming year: Carson's Community Days, Zarlengo's Ice Cream, a Fall Vendor Fair and possibly a used clothing donation fund raiser. The Carson's Days coupon books will be sold in November.
5. **Educational Assistance Award Committee—Lynn Clayton Lynn** discussed the process for selecting the educational assistance award recipients. She mentioned that two more reviewers are needed to review the applications. There has been an ongoing discussion regarding how many times an educational award should be given to the same person. Sheryl Jones Harper suggested that the student award winner should only be able to win 3 semesters in a row and no more than 5 times during the time until their degree is completed.
6. **EAC Committee Report—Ann Jaso, GSU Representative** No report at this time.
7. **EOM Committee Report—Raquel Rios Aguirre**
8. **CSS President's report—Sheryl Jones Harper**

A motion was made by Katie Frossard Fisher to adjourn the meeting. The motion was 2nd by Gina Ragland. All voted in favor by voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 12:10pm.

Meeting Minutes by Joyce Giroux, CSS Recording Secretary