

Governors State University

Civil Service Senate Minutes

Tuesday, August 11, 2015
11:00 a.m. – Room D1496

Meeting was called to order at 11:15a.m. by Sheryl Jones-Harper. Roll call was done by Joyce Giroux.

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

Guests: Susie Morris, Athletic & Recreation Clerk, potential CSS member

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of CS Meeting Minutes for 7/14/2015 were approved by a 1st motion by Raquel Rios, 2nd motion, Karen Sinwelski; with the following corrections noted, Dorothea Franklin’s name misspelled and corrected and Lynne Clayton’s first name is spelled with an e at the end.

Committee Reports:

1. **Governance Committee** – Eric Nicholson: No news to report.

2. **Financial Committee** – Gina Ragland Gina reported that CSS spent a little over \$1,100 on the University picnic; \$679 for ice cream from Zarlengo’s, Pic-In-Box-\$250 and \$200 in give-a-way prizes for various picnic games. Gina will also be ordering new CSS nametags for the new senators.
3. **Correspondence Committee** – LaSheena Fuller LaSheena reported that she and Merri Wilkerson were working on the CSS Newsletter for issue date of late September.
4. **Affairs Committee** – LaSheena Fuller/Gina Ragland Gina reported that Civil Service Day event has been changed to December 9. CSS will be sponsoring an ice cream social, on August 27, during Welcome Week. Gina will be checking with the CPA about ticket give-a-ways to CS members, more on that soon. Also on the list of events is a possible Brown Bag session sometime in September to discuss concerns or questions to be asked at the Town Hall meeting with President Maimon on September 30th.
5. **Employees of the Month Report** – Raquel Rios Raquel reported that Loretta Jones and Donna Finn were elected EOM for June and July, congrats to both. Committee members should be receiving nominations for August and September soon. Lisa Carra was accepted as an EOM nomination reviewer.
6. **EAC Report** – Ann Jaso Ann did not attend this meeting, but had sent out an email on August 3 with highlights from the last EAC meeting from July 2015.
7. **Educational Assistance Fund Report** – LaTonia Richmond LaTonia is now the chair of the EAF and had met with her committee recently. Four awards each will be given out for the fall and spring semesters, and 2 for the summer semester. The applications for fall are due by Sept. 1 and the award is open to GSU employees, spouses, dependents and retirees. The G.P.A. requirement for undergrad is 2.5; for Graduates is a 3.0.
8. **PRC/PBAC/BOT-Adm. Meeting:** -President Sheryl Jones-Harper No changes or updates reported by Sheryl.

Old Business: NONE

New Business: No Faculty, Student or Civil Service Senate Representative will be speaking at the President’s Convocation this year on August 21. President Sheryl nominated Susie Morris from the Athletics & Rec department to join the Civil Service Senate. Karen Sinwelski made the 1st motion to approval and LaTonia made the 2nd motion to approve, all were in favor. Motion carried and Susie was elected as a new senator for a 2 year term ending in June 2017. Welcome Susie!!

Adjournment: Gina moved to adjourn the meeting. LaSheena seconded the motion. All voted in favor by voice vote. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 11:55am.