

# Governors State University

## Civil Service Senate

### Minutes

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

11:00 a.m. – Zoom

	Present	Excused	Absent		Present	Excused	Absent
Lura Brown (2020)			X	Johnsie McAuley-Davis (2020)	X		
Kim Ferkula (2020)	X			Brenda Moore (2020)	X		
Dorothea Franklin (2020)		X		Susie Morris (2021)		X	
Kathleen Frossard Fisher (2021)	X			Raquel Rios-Aguirre (2020)	X		
LaSheena Fuller (2020)	X			Deirdre Webb (2021)		X	
Lynette Johnson (2020)		X		Merri Wilkerson (2021)		X	
Sheryl Jones-Harper (2020)	X						

**Guests:** Addison Woodward, GSU-SUAA Board member and GSU Retiree; Joan Johns Maloney, Coordinator of Benefits & Employee Relations; Michelle Sebasco, Program Director; Ann Nagel, Office Support Specialist; Bonnie Simpson, Space Administrator III; Jose De La Paz, Director of Human Resources Services; Stacy Amedeo, CAS Promotions and External Relations Coordinator.

**Meeting Opened At:** 11:00 AM by President Sheryl Jones-Harper. Attendance was taken via roll call by Kathleen Frossard Fisher

**Approval of the Agenda:** A motion was made by Susie Morris and seconded by Katie Frossard Fisher to accept the agenda, allowing guest speaker Jeff Brownfield from the State University Civil Service Systems to speak first.

### **New Business:**

Addison Woodward from the GSU SUAA board spoke. He discussed the Social Security Windfall eliminations. SUAA works to support retirement funds for our employees. The board also gave out their first scholarship this year to Brenda Moore's daughter. Employees are encouraged to invest for their retirement elsewhere as well as to contact their legislative representatives to support legislation that secures your retirement funds.

## **Old Business:**

**Approval of Minutes:** December 2020 minutes were read. Dorothea Franklin made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Johnsie McAuley-Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed. January 2021 minutes were read. LaSheena Fuller made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Raquel Rios-Aguirre seconded the motion. The motion passed.

## **Committee Reports:**

1. **Governance Committee – Johnsie McAuley-Davis** Tabled.
2. **Correspondence Committee - LaSheena Fuller** Dorothea Franklin received a plant in the event of her Grandmother's passing. Get eell plants were sent to Jeff Brownfield at SURS and Merri Wilkerson. A better website presence for the Senate is being pursued and LaSheena will be speaking with Alex with regards to this.
3. **Financial Committee –Dorothea Franklin** A Zoom subscription will be purchased at \$14.99 a month.
4. **Affairs Committee –LaSheena Fuller** The Affairs Committee will hold a fun virtual Bingo event on May 19<sup>th</sup>.
5. **Education Assistance Committee-Brenda Moore** Tabled

## **Representative Reports:**

1. **EAC Committee Rep – Sheryl Jones-Harper** One nomination was provided by HR.
2. **EOM Committee Rep – Raquel Rios Aguirre** Tabled
3. **Dining Advisory Committee Report-Susie Morris** No Report
4. **President's Report – Sheryl Jones Harper** Tabled

The meeting was closed at 11:59 AM.