

Staff Senate Meeting, February 27, 2009. Those attending, Kay Bell, Fay Feagin, Josh Curtin, Dana Drahush, Oris Bryant, Beth Morris, Wayne Hall, Victor Roach, Debra Nelson, David Jenkins, Ray Mannila, Carmen Wilson, Freida Jones, Karen Holloway

Kay called the meeting to order and welcomed new members: Chief Oris Bryant and Victor Roach.

President Bell moved to approve last month's meeting minutes. They were approved.

Old Business...1) Shared Leave Program. The purpose of the shared leave program is to provide a means for employees to donate paid sick leave to a leave pool to be used by fellow employees who are eligible for and require leave while experiencing a life-threatening or a emergency medical condition as defined, and which has caused, or is likely to cause, the employee to take leave without pay. The Board of Regents supports a shared leave program. This is pending for GSW.

2) Traffic/parking problems: Kay submitted the following to Cody King, VP of Business & Finance. A) Staff Senate requested the parking lot between Marshall Student Center & Morgan Hall be designated as Faculty/Staff parking only. [Mr. King responded we needed to keep as many spots available for student parking but would consider marking additional spots for faculty/staff in the parking lot between Marshall Student Center and Morgan Hall.](#) B) The limited parking space behind the Alumni Building to be used only for Continuing Education and Foundation. [Mr. King's response was he is not sure if any additional spaces need to be marked as reserved anywhere on campus but will consider.](#) C) A pedestrian crosswalk to be placed on the street between RCI and main campus due to traffic. [Mr. King concurred and will look into doing something additional in this area during the summer.](#) (Since this is a city maintained street they will have to notified)

In further discussion, Karen said a visitor had a problem with the language on the sign indicating parking violation would result in tickets being doubled. This visitor was disgruntled because she could not find a parking space initially on campus. Chief Bryant said the signage was directed at students & staff who were taking advantage of that parking area.

Chief Bryant also shared with the committee that a parking study had been conducted 2 years ago to address these issues, however with budget constraints the University has not been able to proceed.

Dr. Miller came by Staff Senate Meeting and awarded Frieda Jones an Honor plaque for service recognition. Ms. Jones will be leaving GSW at the end of February.

Recycling.... In an effort to promote the Green Campus initiative at GSW, Kay shared printed material from the City of Americus and the library about recycling. Currently the library, Dramatic Fine Arts, Ray Mannila and Public Safety along Student Government Andrew Robinson are participating in the recycling effort.

The Health Center received a call earlier this week about a student having breathing problems in the Student Success Center. When emergency calls are received, the nurse practitioner (Annie Brown) and an RN will respond on foot carrying a heavy emergency medical bag. This can take up to 10 minutes to get across campus. The health center is concerned the response time is not quick enough. When suggestions were requested from the staff senate, Chief Bryant stated he would talk with Cody King about getting a golf cart from the golf course assigned to the health center for emergency situations. In addition, it would be helpful to have a rolling bag for the medical supplies.

Care Fund Committee Update...This committee is responsible for sending out cards and or flowers to staff who have suffered a major illness or death in the family. This fund is managed by Carmen Wilson. If members of staff senate know of anyone who has suffered a loss of an immediate family member or is experiencing an illness, please notify Carmen so she can drop them a card in the mail.

Group photo was taken of Staff Senate committee for the website.

Announcements: Josh announced Homecoming activities this week and Kay mentioned the movie event at the library "Briars in the Cotton Patch" that evening at 7.

Summary submitted by
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