

GSW Staff Senate Meeting

Minutes

March 25, 2009

The GSW Staff Senate meeting was called to order at 3:34 p.m. on Wednesday, March 25, 2009 by President Kay Bell. New members Shelly Harbuck (School of Business) and DeDe Reyes (Fine Arts) were welcomed to Staff Senate.

Kay Bell gave some talking points on her role as President of the Staff Senate. Her job is to listen to the issues brought forward at our meetings, and communicate them to the President's Advisory Committee. If members bringing an issue forward would like to remain anonymous when items go into the meeting summary, please indicate so. The meeting summary is forwarded to Staff Senate for their review before posting to the website. Also, if someone would like an item to be discussed but is reluctant to bring it up, the President can bring the issue up on behalf of that member. One of her goals is to focus on meeting summaries recorded. They are archived in the library.

Kay stated that she has contacted the School of Nursing and Athletic department about attending the Staff Senate meetings but has not had any response yet.

Debra Nelson reported that the treasury report remains the same. The GSW Staff Senate account balance is \$412.99.

Old Business- shared Leave Policy. Janet Siders communicated via e-mail to Staff Senate members that she is still trying to get answers about how this will work in the new ADP system before we implement it. She stated that if it becomes too complicated to create a pool, we may have to go to Plan B, where employees can just donate hours on an individual basis. She looks to have some answers by the first week in April.

Chief Bryant gave an update on traffic issues. He stated that Cody King has located funds to purchase a new golf cart for use by the health center in emergencies. These monies will be placed into the health services budget to purchase the new cart, in lieu of using an old one that may not be in the best condition. This change should go into effect for Fall semester.

Under new business, Josh Curtin raised the issue of furloughs. He would like to see Dr. Blanchard make an address to staff on whether or not the university is considering furloughs as the next step in the budget reduction plan. Chief Bryant added that he did not feel that furloughs would be considered as staff will still need to be on hand even on days when the campus is academically closed. These are days that activities are being scheduled in the vacant areas, and the university is making money

Announcements:

Kay noted the graduation committee needed assistance in seating people at the Graduation service that will be held Saturday, May 9th. She requested senate members to communicate in their departments if anyone could volunteer to contact Kay Bell via email kmb1@canes.gsw.edu or by phone 931-2259. If they plan to participate, an usher meeting will be held on Fri. May 8th at 2pm. Tickets were suggested as an option to keep attendance from being an issue at graduation. At this time, the graduation committee is trying to avoid using tickets. Josh Curtin commented that we will have to go to this eventually with enrollment continuing to increase.

Josh Curtin announced that May 1st is Student Appreciation Day. There will be a meeting for those interested in helping out on Wed., April 1st at 3 p.m. in the SGA Conference Room. Also, there is now a new department on campus – Enrollment Management. This department includes Admissions and the Registrar's Office.

Chief Bryant asked everyone to please be aware that thefts are up, due in part to the current financial crisis. Reminders will be going out about preparedness and prevention. He asked that everyone please take proper precautions to try and avoid thefts in their areas, such as making sure there is nothing left in plain sight that may entice someone to steal.

Ms. Bell passed out information about a flash drive fundraiser. Once an application is completed to the company, they will give us a unique fundraiser code. We direct people to their website and when an order is placed they are asked to enter our fundraiser code in the fundraiser code box at checkout. We do not have to take any orders just advertise the website and our code. The company will send a check each month for 20% of the purchase price for all flash drives ordered with our code. Members agreed we could add this on our website.

The next meeting of the Staff Senate will be held Wednesday, April 29 at 3:30 p.m. in Dr. Miller's conference room. The meeting was adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelly Harbuck

ATTENDING:

Kay Bell

Josh Curtin

Shelly Harbuck

Dana Drahus

Fay Feagin

Karen Holloway

Monique Daniels

Beth Morris

DeDe Reyes

Wayne Hall

David Jenkins

Chief Bryant

Debra Nelson

NOT ATTENDING:

Barry Kaplan

Carmen Wilson

Polly Conger

Yolanda West