GFCSSA Meeting Minutes

Call to order

A meeting of Great Falls College Staff Senate Association was held in Room G45/46 on 02/02/2018. Senators in attendance included Tony Bernatonis, Rodger Sidner, Priscilla Azure, Jill Safken-Duffney, E.J. Suen, and Laramie Smovir. Senators not in attendance included all other Senate seats are currently vacant. Others in attendance included Cheryl McGee, Mallory Antovel, Julie Rummel, Julie Freshly, and Oceane Weldele. Meeting was called to order at 1:32 PM.

Approval of minutes

This is the first official meeting of the Great Falls College Staff Senate Association (GFCSSA), therefore there are no previous minutes to be approved.

Reports

This is the first official meeting of the Great Falls College Staff Senate Association (GFCSSA), therefore there are no reports needed.

Unfinished business

This is the first official meeting of the Great Falls College Staff Senate Association (GFCSSA), therefore there is no unfinished business.

New Business

1. Approval of the by-laws: approved unanimously by 5 Senators in attendance (president obtained)
2. Approval of constitution: approved unanimously by 5 Senators in attendance (president obtained)
3. Formulate presentation of association to executive team
   a. Laramie Smovir (GFCSSA President) and Priscilla Azure (GFCSSA Vice-President) will meet with Dr. Susan Wolff (Dean/CEO) on Monday, February 6th. They will present Dr. Wolff with the GFCSSA Constitution and By-Laws. They will request to be considered an official association by the campus and be considered as part of the campus governance.
   b. Additional request to be made to Dr. Wolff/Executive Team are:
      i. A classified staff member be appointed to each of the campus committees
      ii. A GFCSSA Senator be sent to the Board of Regents meetings by GFCMSU.
      iii. The GFCSSA be allowed to have a link on the GFCMSU website similar to that of the CPBAC committee. This page will be used to post By-laws, Constitution, serving Senators and Officers, and Meeting Minutes.
4. Turnover Reduction
   a. It was stated that we have one of the lowest turnover rates in MUS. However, of the turnovers on campus we have a very high number of resignations. The question was posed, “How do we reduce the number of resignations on campus?”
   b. Laramie Smovir made a motion to create a Retention Committee. Julie Freshly seconded the motion. Rodger Sidner, Laramie Smovir, and Tony Bernatonis volunteered to be
members. Mallory Antovel volunteered to be the Human Resources liaison for the committee.

c. Committee committed to meeting and coming up with 1-2 retention suggestions to be presented at the March GFCSSA meeting.

5. It was decided that the GFCSSA will meet consistently on the 3rd Thursday of every month at 1:00 pm from this point forward.

**Adjournment**

Rodger Sidner made a motion to adjourn. E.J. Suek seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 PM.

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Secretary  Date of approval