GFCSSA Meeting Minutes

Call to order

A meeting of Great Falls College Staff Senate Association held in Room B135 on 10/18/2018. Senators in attendance included Laramie Smovir, Tony Bernatonis, Priscilla Azure, Josh Archey, Ben Truman, Terri Jarvey, Greg Schauer, E.J. Suek, and Shannon Marr. Others in attendance included Stacy Lowry and Mallory Antovel. Meeting called to order at 1:33 PM.

Approval of minutes

The September 20, 2018 meeting minutes sent out via email to all constituents. A motion initiated to approve the minutes, no one opposed, motion passed. Minutes approved unanimously.

Consent Items

A. Update on Deputy Commissioner Tessman – Laramie briefly talked about the visit and mentioned the main purpose of the visit was to introduce himself and meet various groups within the college. It was his first visit here and his main focus is students.

- For detailed discussion with Deputy Commissioner Tessman, see additional “Special Meeting Minutes.”

B. Round table of constituent concerns (any things that have been brought up by constituents that the Senate can address?)

- Some staff curious about Tobacco Free Initiative – Josh mentioned another survey will go out and the task force is currently meeting to review current policy
- Care and maintenance of the bus stops discussed, specifically the bus stop across the street. All of the glass is out, who maintains and replaces it? A few members of the senate confirmed the bus stops are the college responsibilities and Gary may have taken out the glass. Josh volunteered to follow-up with Gary.

C. Suggestion box – the group received their first online suggestion which was regarding a designated sleeping area. The suggestion box is new and a work in progress, there will be further discussion on the development in future meetings.

- Who will handle suggestions? Senators agreed all suggestions will be reviewed and discussed at each meeting. If there is action needed, will ask for volunteers who will research and bring back information to the group for further discussion.
- Does someone have an option to acknowledge himself or herself in the suggestion? Not at this time. Further discussion suggested.
- Is there a response when someone submits a suggestion? Yes, an automatic response that says, “We received your request.”

Information Items

N/A
Action Items

A. GFCSSA Website – A motion initiated to approve the website, no one opposed, motion passed. Website approved unanimously.

- Tony will add verbiage to the online suggestion form to review meeting minutes for updates on their suggestion.
- Tony will fix a typo found on the webpage.
- Please bring suggestions on new items to add to the next meeting.

Old Business

Updates given on website and NASPA/HCM grant – Josh informed the group 3 students were chosen as the scholarship recipients and will be meeting as a group in the next few weeks.

Adjournment

A motion was initiated to adjourn the meeting, no one opposed, motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM.

Priscilla Azure                     10-22-18
Secretary                            Date