

## GFCSSA Meeting Minutes

### Call to Order

A meeting of Great Falls College Staff Senate Association held in Room G122 on 2/20/2020. Senators in attendance included Laramie Smovir, Ben Truman, Samantha Fairhurst, EJ Suek, Paul Gallagher, Pam Buckheit. Others in attendance included Julie Freshly, and Scott Thompson came for his introduction.

Meeting called to order at 1:33PM by President Laramie Smovir.

### Approval of Minutes

Paul motioned to approve the minutes from January; EJ seconded the motion. The I's were unanimous.

### Consent/Informational Items

#### I. Scott Thompson Introduction:

- Scott Thompson was hired as the new Director of Communications and Marketing.
- He has been here about 6 weeks.
- He wants to help people tell their stories, just let him know if you hear of anything.
- Stop by Scott's office anytime (G20), or email him at [scott.thompson@gfcmu.edu](mailto:scott.thompson@gfcmu.edu).

#### II. CPBAC Report:

- Andrea not here.
- Enrollment is down.
- They informed us of cuts made at that meeting. They are also cutting a couple of programs.
  - The Industrial Tech AAS; Respiratory Care.
  - There will be adjustments to a couple of other programs.
  - They will have teach outs for the programs that had students who are still attending.

#### III. By-Laws and Constitution Committee Report:

- Ben said the only thing he thought needed to be added was the no secretary addition.
- The language for that is, "In the absence of an elected secretary, a non-senate member may be appointed for the purpose of recording and transcribing senate meetings. This individual would not be considered a temporary senate member and would not have voting rights during the meetings."
- EJ made a motion to accept the change. Paul seconded the motion.
- Vote: Unanimous I's.
- The addition will be added to the Constitution.

#### IV. Food Truck Follow-up:

- Nana's Indian Tacos was the only response we had, but we will move forward to have that food truck come to campus.
- Laramie will reach out to Big Mouth BBQ and Taco Treat.
- Everybody is good with Nana's Indian Tacos bringing their food truck to campus.

#### V. Suggestion Box:

- We got a suggestion regarding giving the Bookstore a heads up when there is a free food event or where food available for purchase and for free.
- This would be a professional courtesy.
- How do we make this better?
  - Just email them and give them a heads up.
  - Share with people in your departments.
- It would also help if people would stop getting napkins, mayo, plastic ware, etc., for free food.
- They have discussed offering something like a 50 cent soda coupon, just a suggestion.
  - If we could get them to the register, that would be helpful.
- We should have Joshua help with this.
- This suggestion may need to go through Faculty Senate.
- How about an email everybody that says, "Communication with the bookstore would be appreciated."
- Laramie will forward this with a request to Faculty Senate and ET, and/or Joint Directors, as well as communicate with Joshua, so we know everyone on campus received the information.
- Maybe we should figure out ways to help with communication.
  - Maybe we should talk to Scott about that.
  - A weekly newsletter?
  - Reignite the Intranet?
  - Signage, placards, etc.
- Laramie assigns the conversation about the bookstore to Sam, and reassigns the communication piece to EJ.
- We will talk about that again next month.
- That is a reasonable project for this group.

#### VI. March Meeting:

- Both Laramie and Julie are gone for the March meeting. We will need to decide what to do.

#### VII. Action Items (proposals provided prior to meeting, vote will be taken at this meeting)

- BOR Nominee Confirmation.
  - Laramie will send Scott the requirements.
  - Laramie needs to submit things next week.
  - We got two nominations.
    - We can send as many as we chose.

- The next step will be review by the University Staff Senate, then on to BOR, and they choose one.
- Laramie believes we should send both of them.
- Paul made the Motion to send in both nominees; Pam seconded the motion.
- The vote was unanimous - all I's.

#### VIII. New Business

- No new business.

#### Adjournment

EJ Suek made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Paul Gallagher.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:03pm.

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Secretary

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Date