

GFCSSA Meeting Minutes

Call to order

A meeting of Great Falls College Staff Senate Association held in Room G122 on 1/16/2020. Senators in attendance included Laramie Smovir, Ben Truman, Andrea Fossen, Pam Buckheit, Samantha Fairhurst, EJ Suek, and Tony Bernatonis. Others in attendance included Dennis Ostberg, Stacy Lowry, and Cheryl McGee. Meeting called to order at 1:39 PM by President Laramie Smovir.

Approval of minutes

The December 19, 2019 minutes were sent out via email to all constituents. EJ Suek made a motion to approve the minutes; Tony Bernatonis seconded the Motion. No one opposed. The minutes were approved. A hard copy of the minutes was then signed by Julie Freshly, acting as interim Secretary; and retained by President Laramie Smovir.

Consent/Informational Items

I. CPBAC Designee:

- a. CPBAC voted to add the Staff Senate President or designee as a voting member of CPBAC.
- b. The member must be the President, Vice President or elected Designee.
- c. That person will be a voting member of CPBAC.
- d. The President, Laramie Smovir, gracefully declines; as does the Vice President, Tony Bernatonis.
- e. President Smovir puts forth a motion that we approve having an elected senator, designated by the President. The motion was seconded. None oppose.
- f. President Laramie designated Andrea Fossen to attend the CPBAC meeting as a voting member of CPBAC, and as representative of GFCSSA.
- g. Andrea Fossen agreed to the designation.

II. Montana Board of Regents Award of Excellence:

- a. Two suggested processes were discussed: an open nomination; or a committee who will go through the last 12 months of Great Folks nominations and choose the top 1 or 2.
- b. The Open Nominations processed was approved.
- c. Tony Bernatonis will create the form.
- d. It will be our decision on if we want professional staff included. Some campuses have that.
- e. All in favor – No one opposed.

III. Election of the secretary:

- a. No interest was determined among the meetings' attendees.

- b. President Smovir requests that everyone talk to their people to come up with someone.
- c. Julie Freshly, who is volunteering as Interim Secretary until a Secretary is elected, will not be here in March.

IV. Food Truck Follow-up:

- a. Tony Bernatonis has submitted the Food Truck information.
- b. Carmen Roberts, Director of Operations, is in the process of sending out the paperwork to get that in place.

V. Suggestion Box:

- a. We did not have any suggestion box items.

VI. Any other unfinished business?

- a. No.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:48 pm.

Secretary

Date