

GFCSSA Meeting Minutes

Call to order

A meeting of [Great Falls College Staff Senate Association](#) held in [Room G122](#) on [12/19/2019](#). Senators in attendance included [Laramie Smovir](#), [Samantha Fairhurst](#), [EJ Suek](#), [Paul Gallagher](#), [Tony Bernatonis](#). Others in attendance included [Dennis Ostberg](#), [Stacy Lowry](#), [Levi Rabel](#), [Cheryl McGee](#) and [Joshua Archey](#). Meeting called to order at 1:31 PM by President Laramie Smovir.

Approval of minutes

Approval of minutes was not brought forward.

Consent/Informational Items

I. Food Truck Follow-up:

- a. Tony Bernatonis will push the Limited Solicitation Request forward and review with Carmen.
- b. Do we want to add a paragraph or two regarding our objectives?
- c. Carmen will send us an example of what we will send out.
- d. We would like to have something sent out by early spring. We will add a deadline of March 1st.

II. CPBAC Designee:

- a. CPBAC has voted to add the Staff Senate President or designee as a voting member of CPBAC. They can discuss thoughts and vote next meeting. Laramie Smovir is unable to make this time commitment.
- b. They usually meet once a month on Fridays at 8 or 8:30 am.
- c. They currently have two staff members on CPBAC, Cheryl McGee and Karen Vosen.
- d. Please take back to your departments, and the Staff Senate will vote next time on who that will be.

III. Montana Board of Regents Award of Excellence:

- a. Montana University Staff Senate Association has been working with BOR and OCHE to create an award of excellence. Darryl Stevens just got that for teaching, but they are creating one for staff only. Like our great folks, but on a much broader scale.
- b. The Commissioner's Office will receive 2 or 3 nominations from MUSSA.
- c. MUSSA has decided they would like 1-2 nominations for that State award.
- d. BOR has a new policy: "The Board of Regents may recognize the outstanding contributions of up to two employees who work at a unit of the university system through the bestowal of a Regents' Award for Excellence in University System Citizenship. Employees shall be selected for such an award by the Commissioner of Higher Education based on their Presidents, Vice Presidents, and Chancellors are not eligible to receive this award. The Regents' Award for

Excellence in University Citizenship normally will be presented during the May Regents' meeting. "

e. University Citizenship.

f. The award will be presented in May at the BOR meeting.

g. We put forth people to MUSSA, and then they will select two.

h. We need to decide how we will decide who to recommend.

i. The deadline for our nominations is February 25th. Their deadline is April 1 to get it to the Commissioner. We want to have our nominee by the end of February.

j. It will be up to us if we include Professional Staff. Other campuses will include Professional Staff.

k. Maybe Tony could create an online nomination form. Tony can use the directory headshots as pictures.

l. We do the Dean's Award of Excellence in April.

m. Be thinking of that. We will vote on that next meeting. Bring forth some suggestions.

We will have two proposals to vote on next meeting.

IV. Suggestion Box:

a. We did not have any suggestion box items.

Action Items

V. Action Items (Proposals provided prior to meeting, vote will be taken at this meeting)

Because a quorum of Senators was not present, Action Items were not addressed.

a. Election of Secretary

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 1:43 pm.

Secretary

Date