

General Council Meeting Minutes
August 7th, 2009
Toepfer Room

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1 Call to Order

The council meeting was called to order by Beth Fuller at 10:07 am.

2 In Attendance

Beasley,	Marcia
Boughner,	Ann
Copes,	Bonnie
Dore-Arshenovitz,	Maureen
Dowdell,	Kathleen
Finley,	Kimyette
Fuller,	Jonathan
Gerich,	Carolyn
Grigger,	Theresa
Gupta,	Anita
Hetzel,	Bob
Jacobberger,	William
Jones,	Jovon
Juknialis,	Barb
Kahl,	Rebecca
Masley,	Rosanna
O'Linn,	Kathy
Payne,	Martha
Primm,	Tonia
Saafir,	Michelle
Smith,	Mary Lou
Swiatkowski,	Shannon
Wichert,	William

3 Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the June meeting were approved with no changes.

4 Announcements

- Final budget report has been sent from Robin. It is \$1144.03. We thought we had spent it down, but there was some left. Next Year's budget is set at about \$4500

- This is Beth's last meeting as Chair. At 10:11, Beth passed the gavel to Kathy as new chair and wished her well in her new role. Kathy shared the thoughts of many by saying it has been a great year for SAC and offered a round of applause for Beth for all the hard work that she accomplished.

Beth worked hard to include recognition of the 35 and 45 year employees in the university at the Staff Service Awards Bunch held in June. Beth shared that she felt overwhelmed as she started her role but with the help of everyone in SAC, she soon was able to feel comfortable. She thanked everyone for their support.

Kathy encouraged all to continue the momentum we have created over the last year and welcomed participation from all members. SAC membership is not just a position with meetings to attend. We have a responsibility to all staff on campus.

- Tim Franka, EECS graduate student working with Mario Garcia-Sanz will be acting as the rep from Graduate Student Senate. As a liaison between the two committees this will allow for common ground and pooled resources. Last year, there was a request to make an ex-officio seat for GSS. We are happy to make this happen.

5 Old Business

- A Proposal to modify the constitution was made. Carolyn Gregory does not have a problem with this. We need to know if there is a policy for changing the constitution. Theresa said that the constitution committee met with lawyers whenever a change needed to be made. We are an advisory group and nothing we have done is binding. They do not guide our spending. We should be self directed. John Wheeler is a lawyer. John would be a logical person to consult on this issue. We should probably work with Carolyn and John to make this happen. The reason for it is that the original position that is listed in the constitution no longer exists and it is now two people Wheeler and Sideras. We don't think the lawyers have veto power on our actions. They have the right to turn down our resolutions, but not on the budget. The guidelines for change would be a good place to start and could be added for those rare exceptions that made this whole thing happen.
- In order to vote on resolutions proposed by Fringe Benefits, we need to refer to Robert's Rules of Order. According to the rules, there must be a quorum in order to conduct business and have a vote. Based on that, there

was a question as to the interpretation of the Rules of Order and its application in this case. We needed to interpret the quorum as the people “expected” to attend the meeting and not the number of people in SAC.

There is a motion to interpret "expected" as attending the committee meeting and personally voting or submitting your vote via proxy.

Motion approved unanimously!

Kathy has proxy votes. We have 12 votes. 11 voters are in favor of all three resolutions and one has yes on two and no on donation of sick.

Fringe All purpose sick leave:

15 personal and 12 proxies YES

2 personal NO

Resolution Passes

Pooled Paid Vacation:

11 proxy and 15 personal = 26 YES

1 proxy and 2 personal = 3 NO

Resolution Passes

Increase in tuition:

12 proxy and 16 personal = 28 YES

1 personal = 1 NO

Resolution Passes

6 New Business

7 Reports of Standing Committees

7.1 Communications — No report

7.2 Community Service – No report

7.3 Elections – Elections are in process and will go through the 14th of August

7.4 Fringe – Looking toward new items to work on since the resolutions were voted

7.5 Staff Policy – No report

7.6 Staff Recognition – The website was updated and awards have been posted. Thank you to everyone who helped with Party on the Quad. About a thousand attended. There was a good mix of staff and students.

7.7 Training— Encourage that we help with orientation for 5 minutes to tell new people about SAC. We will be passing around a sign up sheet to volunteer for helping with this service. During July and August, we raffled off a SAC cookbook. In order to raise money for SEEF, we are doing a wellness walk called Steps for Staff. Walk from Adelbert Gym and different departments will be doing different things for all the walkers. There is a small charge to walk. If you just want to see whats going on, there is a small charge to walk through the gym and see the vendors/sponsors - Oct 9th 11:30. We will accept last minute registrations, but there will be a slight charge. We also raffled off cookbooks at the Party of the Quad.

7.8 Faculty Senate – Will resume meeting in late Sept. Off until then, and both Beth and Kathy will meet with them

7.9 University Parking - nothing

7.10 University Fringe - Open year for Benelect for dental. CVS Caremark should have sent you a mailer if you have prescription plan. If you have a long term prescription, you must re register each of those scripts

7.11 Diversity - Kurt will be attending

8 Discussion of Issues

We hope to have Shannon French talk about the Inamori center. They have an event on 9 9 09 and will be in SAC news. What are they looking for? For now, it is support and attendance.

9 Adjournment

The Meeting was adjourned at 11:08 am