Executive Officers Present: Kenita Pitts, Juanita Strait, Anquanetta Darby, and Sean Jones
Executive Officers Absent: Ronald York and Donna Hanton
Ex-Officio’s Absent: Doris Gathers-Dantzler
Senators Present: Beulah El-Amin, Brenda Daniely, Anthony Wright, Pecolia Snow, Amanda Staley, and Cynthia Geter
Senators Absent: Kendrick Lewis, Sandra Scott, Tracy Thomas, Joslyn DiPasalegne, Demtrius Chatman, Frances Diaz-Evans, Fran Simpson, & Cammy Grate

I. Call to Order
   Kenita Pitts called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

II. Invocation
   Juanita Strait provided the invocation in absence of the parliamentarian.

III. Roll Call of Executive Members
   Roll call of executive members was done by Anquanetta Darby.

IV. Roll Call of Senators
   Roll call of senators was done by Anquanetta Darby.

V. Adoption of Agenda
   Anquanetta Darby made a motion to accept the agenda, Juanita Strait second that motion.

VI. Approval of Minutes
   Juanita Strait made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Anquanetta Darby second that motion.

VII. President’s Report
   • President Pitts stated that there are currently fifty-eight (58) members; however Juanita Strait reported that there are fifty-nine (59) members.
   • The newsletter for February was postponed due to an abundance of activities involving staff members for the months of February and March. The newsletter will be published next month in order to showcase those activities and accomplishments.
   • Board of Trustees Committee meetings will take place on tomorrow, April 8, 2015.
   • SACS visit is scheduled from April 13th – 16th. Please be available if you are called upon for an interview and/or office visit. If you are called upon to provide information relating to your area, the response time should be no more than one hour.
   • In reference to the furlough, 10.5 hours will be deducted per pay period starting April 30th. If you separate from the university after the furlough begins, the time will be deducted from your final paycheck.

VIII. Old Business
   a. Fundraiser
      • To date we have collected $665 towards the purchase of a new mascot uniform for “Spike”.
      • In her absence, President Pitts acknowledged Ms. Patricia Gibson-Haigler for collecting $500 of the funds.
• A request was made to External Affairs to create a flyer announcing the fundraiser, however, it was not approved by President Pitts and the flyer that we now have was created by Spike.
• The kick-off was slated for this weekend; however, it has been postponed because we don’t have what is needed. Hopefully we will have everything by Bulldog Fest.
• The National Alumni Association is on board with assisting the Staff Senate with purchasing the uniform, we just have to do our part.
• There were some concerns about how the new Spike would look. It was explained that the costume can be customized to our liking.
• President Pitts shared background information regarding the mascot and expenses related to travel and upkeep of the uniform. It was discovered that numerous universities charge an appearance fee for their mascot and we should consider the same once we have a new costume. An appearance fee can help Spike offset the cost of travel and uniform upkeep. There is also some debate as to what department is financially responsible for the mascot.
• It was asked if this is a one-time fundraiser for Spike or will it be ongoing. President Pitts stated that this is a one-time fundraiser with the hopes that someone can pick him for a stipend. It was suggested that a budget is created for Spike, possibly taking some money from each department’s budget.
• Kay Snider, Past President state that she has spoken with A.L. Fleming, AVP for Institutional Advancement regarding Spike, once she receives confirmation she will share the information with President Pitts. Kay Snider also notified the Senate that University Relations and Marketing purchased the current costume about four or five years ago.
• Once the new uniform is purchased, Staff Senate will house the uniform and the next student who assumes the role of mascot will have to check-out the uniform.
• President Pitts reported that Spike won the MEAC mascot contest.
• The question was asked, will there be solicitation from student organizations to participate in the fundraiser; President Pitts replied yes.
• Beulah El-Amin made a suggestion to use the bone as a ticket where a person can fill it out as they give a donation; pledge card.
• If we are unable to raise the funds needed for the customized mascot uniform, we will purchase a newer version of what Spike already has and also purchase shoes, cooling vest, and cooling collar.

IX. Q&A
• Juanita Strait presented the members with a costume fundraiser form to collect donations.
• President Pitts briefly mentioned having an end of the year staff senate drop-in.

X. Adjournment
• Juanita Strait closed out the meeting with prayer.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anquanetta Darby
Secretary