Executive Officers Present: Kenita Pitts, Juanita Strait, Anquanetta Darby, and Sean Jones

Executive Officers Absent: Donna Hanton and Ronald York

Ex-Officio’s Absent: Kay Snider, Doris Gathers-Dantzler, and Thomas Elzey

Senators Present: Beulah El-Amin, Candyce Brown, Anthony Wright, Pecolia Snow, Amanda Staley, Tracy Thomas, Joslyn DiPasalegne, Cynthia Geter, Demetrius Chatman, Fran Simpson, and Cammy Grate

Senators Absent: Brenda Daniely, Kendrick Lewis, Sandra Scott, and Frances Diaz-Evans

I. Call to Order
Kenita Pitts called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

II. Invocation
Beulah El-Amin led the members present in prayer.

III. Roll Call of Executive Members
Roll call was done by Kenita Pitts.

IV. Roll Call of Senators
Roll call was done by Kenita Pitts.

V. Adoption of Agenda
Patricia Middleton made a motion to adopt the agenda; seconded by Juanita Strait.

VI. Approval of Minutes
Juanita Strait made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 6th meeting; seconded by Anquanetta Darby.

VII. President’s Report
  • President Pitts reported that currently there are fifty-five staff senate members.
There will be a new column added to the February newsletter that will include safety tips from Mr. Derrick Jones, Fire Marshal. The newsletter will be sent out the 3rd Friday of the month.

The faculty and staff are asked to wear red on Thursday in recognition of heart awareness for women. They were also asked to decorate their office door and take a picture and forward it to the staff senate via email for inclusion in the February newsletter.

The red dress and tie luncheon will take place on Saturday, February 21, 2015. The luncheon is sponsored by the Brooks Health Center and local chapters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. The Staff Senate was asked to support the event and staff senate member Pinkey Carter. The cost for the luncheon is $20.00 per person and President Pitts will serve as the Mistress of Ceremony.

New Business

Iva Gardner briefly discussed the Tom Joyner Scholarship fundraiser. SC State University has been chosen as the school of the month for July 2015. Mr. A.L. Fleming, the Associate Vice President of Institutional Advancement was introduced and requested the participation of the Staff Senate in the Universities effort in raising money for student scholarships through the Tom Joyner Foundation. President Pitts asked Mr. A. L. Fleming if the staff senate could donate as an organization. Mr. Fleming stated, yes but all donations would have to be recorded individually to receive proper acknowledgement for donating to the initiative. The Kick-Off Pep Rally will be held Thursday, February 5, 2015 in SHM. The Staff Senate was encouraged to attend and donation forms were disseminated for consideration. President Pitts stated that a meeting will be scheduled at a later date to discuss and vote on how we will contribute to the Tom Joyner Scholarship Foundation.

An extensive discussion was held relating to the mandatory furlough and the proposed bill that was featured in the Times and Democrat.

VIII. Adjournment
Meeting was adjourned at 4:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anquanetta Darby
Secretary