South Carolina State University
Staff Senate Meeting
January 6, 2015
Belcher Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room

Executive Officers Present: Kenita Pitts, Ronald York, and Sean Jones.

Executive Officers Absent: Anquanetta Darby, Donna Hanton and Juanita Strait.

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

Senators Present: Beulah El-Amin, Candyce Brown, Sandra Scott, Carl A’see, Pecolia Snow, Amanda Staley, Tracy Thomas, Joslyn DiPasalegne, and Cynthia Geter.

Senators Absent: Cynthia Mitchell, Kendrick Lewis, Ashley Walker, Anthony Wright, Clarence Jones, Demetrius Chatman, Frances Diaz-Evans, Fran Simpson, Cammy Grate, and Sherri Williams.

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

II. Invocation
Sean Jones led the attendees 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
Kenita Pitts made a motion to adopt the agenda with the inclusion of the introduction of the newly appointed Fire Marshal, Mr. Derrick Jones to the New Business; Sean Jones so moved, seconded by Ron York.

VI. Approval of Minutes
Ron York made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Sean Jones.
VII. President’s Report

• President Pitts thanked those that attended and donated for the Annual Adopt-A-Child & Tree Lighting Ceremony that was held Wednesday, December 3, 2014 in the MLK Auditorium. Senate members were reminded to arrive no later than 5:15 pm for seating and instructions.

• Sympathy cards from the SCSU Staff Senate were given to the following:
  o Zenobia Williams, loss of her mother
  o The family of Mr. Eddie “Eddie Moe” Moore, Jr. was delivered to Simmons Funeral Home on Friday, December 22, 2014

• As of January 6, 2015 there are 50 staff senate members.

• Senators were reminded to please adhere to the attendance policy as outlined in the SCSU Staff Senate Bylaws.

• Donna Hanton has been appointed the position of Historian for 2014-2016 due to the resignation of Monica Johnson. Senators were instructed to refer to the SCSU Staff Senate Bylaws as it related to vacancies and appointments if they had any questions and/or concerns.

• Members were encouraged to submit news/announcements for the Staff Senate Newsletters. They were told that they may write the article themselves or submit the information via email to the president for inclusion. The newsletter is published every third Friday of each month and submission are due no later than the second Friday.

• President Pitts thanked everyone that attended and participated in the first Staff Senate Christmas Drop-In.

VIII. New Business

• Welcome and Introduction Mr. Derrick Jones, Fire Marshal.

• Heart Health Month
  o SCSU “Goes Red” will be held Friday, February 6, 2015 and will partner and support Brooks Health Center in its activities for the month of February.
  o Faculty & Staff will be asked to wear a Red Dress (women) and a Red Tie (men) for that day.
  o We would also like for the campus to “Go Red” as well by decorating their office door, area and/or building red.
  o Each staff senate member was asked to encourage their area to participate and to take a photo for inclusion in the February Staff Senate Newsletter.
  o Ms. Pinkey Carter, Brooks Health Center announced that they will be sponsoring and hosting a “Red Dress & Red Tie” Luncheon Saturday, February 21, 2015 at 11:00 am in the Student Center. Tickets will be $20 per person and guest will be asked to wear red.

• Black History Month
Dr. Learie Luke has asked staff members to take a more active part in the celebration of Black History Month this year. Kenita Pitts reported that she along with Bernita Cooper, External Affairs and Communications serve on the Black History Month Committee, however, they were still awaiting a list of activities for the month.

Joslyn DiPasalegne, Institutional Advancement informed the Senate that she is in the process of finalizing Orangeburg Massacre Ceremony to be held Sunday, February 8, 2015 at 3:00 pm in the MLK Auditorium. She will also be working on a talent showcase for Faculty & Staff. She asked those in attendance to sign up if they would like to participate; additional information is forthcoming.

Tom Joyner Foundation: SCSU has been selected as the Tom Joyner School of the Month for the month of July. Joslyn DiPasalegne gave a brief history about the Tom Joyner Foundation and how it would benefit the students of SCSU. She also solicited donations and fundraising ideas to support this effort; additional information is forthcoming.

Sandra Scott, Student Success and Retention gave some background information on the SCSU Mentoring Program that was announced in the January Staff Senate Newsletter. The SCSU Mentoring Program is seeking volunteers to mentor freshmen students. The goal is to acquire 300 mentors that will meet monthly with his/her mentee. Those that are interested may sign up with Mr. Anthony Wright or Ms. Sandra Scott. Every volunteer must be screened.

James McClinton, External Affairs and Communications announced and reminded those in attendance of the Distinguished Alumni Event where an alumni of SCSU will be recognized during the month of February in observance of Black History Month. External Affairs and Communications are still seeking nominations of those loyal sons and daughters to be recognized. The deadline for submitting nominees are Friday, January 16, 2015.

IX. Questions & Answers
• There were no questions and/or concerns from the floor.

X. Adjournment
Meeting was adjourned at 4:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kenita D. Pitts
President