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

Executive Officers Absent: Ronald York

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

Senators Present: Beulah El-Amin, Sandra Scott, Amanda Staley, Cynthia Geter, and Fran Simpson

Senators Absent: Candyce Brown, Brenda Daniely, Kendrick Lewis, Anthony Wright, Pecolia Snow, Tracy Thomas, Joslyn DiPasalegine, Demetrius Chatman, Cammy Grate, and Frances Diaz-Evans

I. Call to Order
Kenita Pitts called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

II. Invocation
Patricia Gibson-Haigler provided the invocation.

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
Patricia Gibson-Haigler made a motion to accept the agenda, Sean Jones second that motion.

VI. Approval of Minutes
The approval of minutes was postponed due to corrections that need to be made.
VII. President’s Report

- Ms. Willa Sumter, Administrative Specialist sent a thank you card for the sympathy card received from the Staff Senate during her time of bereavement on the loss of her mother.
- The staff senate currently has 58 members; there are three new members since the last meeting.
- Dr. Lana Williams has been approved to fill the vacant Staff Senate seat on the SC State University Board of Visitors. Dr. Williams’ 2 year term will begin July 1, 2015.
- The newsletter has been postponed to make sure that all pertinent information is included. Issue 6 is scheduled to be published April 10, 2015.
- President Pitts discussed in length, the right sizing plan and opened the floor to questions regarding it.
- There will be a called board meeting tomorrow, March 4th at 5:00 p.m.
- President Pitts participated in the Mock SACSCOC visit along with Dr. Thomas Cassidy, Faculty Senate President and Mr. Aaron Russell, SGA President. She briefly discussed her portion of the interview and stated that it went well.
- SACS visit is scheduled for April 14th – 16th, 2015 and those in attendance was advised to be prepared and on stand-by if they are called upon to be interviewed by the SACSCOC team.
- The university is still awaiting approval from Governor Nikki Haley regarding the seven day mandatory furlough to be done during this fiscal year. If approved, one day per pay period will be deducted. Those staff members that participated in the voluntary furlough will receive credit for days already taken and/or those that have received prior approval before the mandatory furlough is implemented.
- President Pitts discussed briefly the annual fund campaign and expressed that she did not feel comfortable bringing it before the staff senate because of the recent employees that were impacted by the Reduction in Force (RIF). In response to information regarding the annual fund campaign, Patricia Gibson-Haigler asked that when issues come to the President that it be shared with the Senate and let the Senate decide if we should move forward. President Pitts replied with an apology and stated that her personal feelings got in the way and that she would definitely do that. President Pitts continued to explain the campaign and gave as much information as she could and informed the senate that she would email the donation form to the staff upon its approval of the Board of Trustees.

VIII. New Business

N/A
IX. Q&A

- Sandra Scott asked whether or not the state is going to give the university any money. President Pitts stated that the state of South Carolina has been asked and recommendations have been submitted by the Blue Ribbon Advisory Committee but a decision has not been made to date. President Pitts stated that a seven day furlough was approved by the Board of Trustees as a part of the 2014-2015 proposed budget back in August 2014 and regardless to whether the board is removed or not, if approved by the Governor of South Carolina the seven day mandatory furlough will take place. The SC State family will be notified when and if the mandatory furlough is approved by the Governor of SC.
- Juanita Strait wanted to know that if the seven days are taken consecutively will an employee qualify for unemployment. President Pitts stated that she was not sure but would check into it.

X. Adjournment

- Sean Jones closed out the meeting with prayer.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anquanetta Darby
Secretary