UFF-FGCU Executive Committee Meeting Minutes December 8, 2015

Opening

The regular meeting of the UFF-FGCU Chapter Executive Committee was called to order at 11:00 am on December 8, 2015, in Edwards Hall 210 by Elizabeth M. Elliott.

Present

Jason Bahr (Vice President, Chief Negotiator), Michelle Angeletti (Treasurer, Senator), Rachel Cooke (Membership Chair), Nora Demers (Senator), Elizabeth Elliott (President, Senator, FEA Delegate), Robert Nichols (Secretary, Senator, FEA Delegate), Patrick Niner (Senator), Dorothy Rea (Senator), and Thomas Valesky (Senator, FEA Delegate)

Absent

Conan Griffin (Senator), Suzanna Henshon (Alternate Senator), Shaun Keller (FEA Delegate), Mary Krome (Alternate Senator), Danielle Rosenthal (Communication Chair), Senthil Girimurugan (Alternate Senator), Jaffar Ali Shahul-Hameed (Alternate Senator), David Steckler (Grievance Chair), and Judy Wilkerson (Senator)

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the September 22, 2015, UFF-FGCU Executive Committee meeting were unanimously approved as edited via email.

Open Issues

- Membership report (Rachel Cooke):
 - 4 new members with 2 resignations since the last report for a total of 216 members.
 Membership is currently at 49%.
 - 439 in-unit faculty members.
- Treasurer report (Elizabeth Elliott for Michelle Angeletti):
 - Current checking account balance is approximately \$31,700.
- Grievance report (Elizabeth Elliott for David Steckler)
 - There are currently two active grievances.
 - Patrick Niner has been through grievance training and will with with David on the newest grievance case.
- Communication report (Elizabeth Elliott for Danielle Rosenthal)
 - Danielle has been updating the content, layout, and links for the website. Danielle has been working with Beth and Rob to make sure Union matters are being communicated.
- Bargaining report (Jason Bahr):
 - Bargaining will begin on January 16, 2016 for salaries and benefits.
- President Report (Elizabeth Elliott):
 - Things are quiet on campus. A few departmental issues that have been handled well with Tony in AA.
 - The Fall Social was canceled due to scheduling issues.

New Business

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Spring Social

• In view of the Fall Social being canceled and the hurried nature of the end of semesters, a Spring Social has been scheduled for February 26th, 2016, from 5 to 7 pm at Bar Louie with free drinks and appetizers for union members. This event can also be used as a recruitment tool.

Motions

- A motion was made by Jason Bahr and seconded by Dorothy Rea to reimburse Beth Elliott for travel expenses related for travel and hotel for her attendance at FGCU Days at the Capitol in January. The motion was unanimously passed.
- A motion was made by Nora Demers and seconded by Dorothy Rea to consider the enhanced faculty participation of UFF members for up to \$10,000 at FGCU Days at the Capitol in January of 2017. The motion was unanimously passed.

Good of the Order

- Creation of Ad-Hoc Committees
 - An Ad-Hoc Committee is needed to research and plan the increased participation of UFF members at FGCU Days at the Capitol in January of 2017. Beth Elliott will name members of this committee.
 - An Ad-Hoc Committee is needed to research and plan a Fall Picnic to potential be held at the FGCU Buckingham property in Fall of 2016. Beth Elliott will name members of this committee.
 - Master Plan
 - Nora Demers discussed the need for the Union to advocate for its membership at the BOT meeting regarding the proposed master plan. Specific items in the proposed master plan was discussed and Beth will research how the Union may represent the membership's interests regarding those items.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm by Elizabeth M. Elliott. The next UFF-FGCU Chapter Executive Committee Meeting will be at 11:30 am on January 19, 2016, in Library 224.

Minutes submitted by: Robert L. Nichols, UFF-FGCU Chapter Secretary

Approved by: Elizabeth Elliott, UFF-FGCU Chapter President