

MSCA/SALEM CHAPTER
MINUTES

Date: Monday, December 11, 2006
Time: 11:00 AM
Place: Harrington Bldg., Room #104

Members present:

Amy Everitt (President), Michele Sweeney (Secretary), Paul McGee (Treasurer), Steve Matchak, Susan Sturgeon, Juditha Burchsted, Martin Krugman, Patricia Buchanan, Nancy George, Jay McHale, Tom Billings, Doug Larson, Massoud Farahbakhsh, Bev White

I. Call to Order

Amy Everitt (President) called the meeting to order at 11:10 AM.

II. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Massoud Farahbakhsh, seconded by Steve Matchak to approval the November 2006 minutes.

Motion passed unanimously

III. President's Report

Day contract update: Still working on proposal. Management has not met yet. MSCA is asking for a January 15 start date.

Pat Markunas, MSCA President met with Governor Patrick. (see her campus wide email).

DGCE contract update: Contract accepted by board. Recommended to be ratified. If you teach in DGCE, you will get something in January. There is a change in the contract course language to more clearly define them. Also, the language on team teaching has been changed. Not a change in graduate pay. The salary increases goes into effect for the winter session. We did not have any zero increase semesters. Thank you to Paul McGee and Marty Krugman.

Holiday Party: Well attended, approximately 60-70 people. The party cost 125.00 more than what was spent on campus last year. Captains did not charge for room. We received a lot of phone calls about spouses and partners attending. Possible option is to invite them next year but charge them for the event.

Results of faculty survey on university status: 148 responses, 51 written comments. Amy pointed out #4 and #7 and the faculty's general consensus about university status. President Harrington is excited to receive the results. We intend to submit the questionnaire results plus the written comments to President Harrington. Marty Krugman wanted to publicly recognized Steve Matchak and all those who worked on the survey.

A motion was made by Marty Krugman, seconded by Massoud Farahbakhsh to post the questionnaire results on the web but to exclude the comments for public viewing.

Motion passed unanimously

Amy noted that there was a recent article in the Boston Business Journal regarding Salem State College and Bridgewater about university status.

IV. Treasurers Report

Holiday party - 1,980.00

Savings Acct - 6,700.00

Operating Cash - 1,800.00

Paul McGee stated that we are fiscally in good shape especially because of the increase number of faculty and increase in dues. If we need money for bargaining, we will have extra money to do so. Our newest purchase was a printer. Discussion was held around the college's action to replace xereo machines during finals week, allowing for no faculty copying during exams.

A motion was made by Jay McHale, seconded by Massoud Farahbakhsh vehemently expressing disapproval for changing the xereo machines during finals week and asking for postponement until December 22, 2006.

Motion passed unanimously

V. Grievance Report

Maggie Vaughan was not present at the meeting.

V. Adjournment

With no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele M. Sweeney
Secretary, MSCA/Salem Chapter