Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:11 p.m. by Chair Kara Kennebrew. Chair Kennebrew asked for a motion on the floor for the minutes to be approved with flexibility. The motion was approved. Roll call was made by Alicia Braswell.

Senators Present
Braswell, Alicia
Craft, Jordan
Davis, Rose
Downing, Rene
Green-Harris, Shondra
Honore’, Tammy
Johnson, Theodora
Johnson, Vickie
Kennebrew, Kara
Meriwether, Brandi
Mooyin-Edwards, Joan
Paige, Contessa
Pegues, Rodney
Riley, Sharon
Roberson, Imani
Strickland, Saquarius
Weeden, Nicole
Willis, Deatrice
Young, Patricia

Senators Absent:
Allen, Ursula
Bearden, Charlene
Cole, Marsha
Hillery-Jackson, Cynthia
Rakoczy, Rebecca
Stanton, Tammy
Talley, Tesa

Ex Officio Present:
Patrice Masterson, Jim Rasmus

Update from the Chair

• PPAB Meeting for the month of November is scheduled for 4 November 2014

Committee Reports
Parliamentarian – Contessa Paige:
• Ms. Paige reviewed the Basic Rules of “How to Make a Motion” with Senators and provided everyone with a handout

Website Committee – Shondra Greene-Harris:
• Conference call meeting was held on Friday, 19 September 2014
• A few updates have been made
  o such as a revised Staff Senate list
- minutes are categorized by year
  - name changed from: “Staff Senate On The Go” to “Staff Senate Activities”
- Proposal a) to change Staff Senate Photo Gallery and b) to create Staff Senate Spotlight (feature a Senator per month)

Staff Development Day – Tammy Honore:
- Date has been set and approved by President Watts / Wednesday, 13 May 2015
- Theme: “50 Ways to a Better You”
- Co-Chair- Brandi Meriwether stated that the “Save The Date” will be released on 26 January 2015 and she also mentioned that they are working on completing the logo

New Employee on Board Committee – Sharon Riley:
- Polled last year’s campus mentors to see if they would continue to serve as campus mentors for the upcoming year; everyone agreed.
- 15 new employees to GPC since August 2014
- In need of mentors on the Clarkston Campus/recruitment is underway
- Having budget drawbacks – need money for informational folders for new employees

USGSC Representative – Kara Kennebrew:
- Ms. Allen was unable to attend the USGSC meeting, held on Oct 1st and 2nd 2014, at Albany State University due to lateness of the approved travel funds

Elections – Kara Kennebrew:
- Committee will hold first meeting in November 2014
- Chair Kennebrew stated that elections will be carried out via email

Bylaws Committee – Deatrice Willis:
- Committee presented the pros and cons of the proposed Senate Chair-Elect changes to the ByLaws
  - A motion was made to keep the current ByLaws as is. The motion was seconded.
    - Yes = 13
    - No = 3
- Chair Kennebrew opened the floor for 2014-2015 Chair-Elect nominations
  - Deatrice Willis was nominated by Vickie Johnson; Ms. Willis accepted.
  - Contessa Paige was nominated by Shondra Greene-Harris; Ms. Paige declined.
  - A motion was made to elect Deatrice Willis as 2014-2015 Staff Senate Chair-Elect
    - Yes = 16
    - No = 0

New Business
- A motion was made to add Special Events Committee to the Staff Senate
  - Yes = 16
  - No = 0
- Special Events Committee
Chair: Joan Mooyin-Edwards  
Co-Chair: Contessa Paige  
Committee Members: Nicole Weeden, Rene Downing, Sharon Riley, and Rose Davis

- Chair Kennebrew mentioned there will be a special Staff Senate meeting in Feb 2015, and she passed out a flyer with the remaining dates for the full Staff Senate meetings.

**Attendance**
- Chair Kennebrew reiterated the Staff Senate attendance policy as written in the ByLaws. She stressed the importance of taking care of Staff Senate business and if attendance is low, the senate will not meet quorum in order to make business decisions.

**Old Business**
- Chair Kennebrew reminded the Staff Senate of the Tobacco & Smoke-Free USG Initiative. She provided the GPC website information as a reference for any staff in need.
- Chair Kennebrew announced Erica Hart will be in attendance at the November meeting to present information on the Faculty/Staff campaign.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00pm by Chair Kennebrew