

GSU Chapter of the State Universities Annuitants Association (SUAA)

Meeting Minutes

July 16, 2020

Board Members (X = present):

<u>X</u> Elizabeth Essex	<u>X</u> Sheryl Jones Harper	<u>X</u> Karl Harrison	<u>X</u> Paul Keys
<u>X</u> Larry Levinson	<u>X</u> Laura Owens	<u>X</u> Michelle Sebasco	<u>X</u> Steve Shih
<u>X</u> Jane Wells	<u>X</u> William Wilkinson	<u>X</u> Addison Woodward	<u>X</u> Ann Jaso
<u>X</u> Colleen R. Ellis (Past Chapter President)			

Guests/members: GSU President Dr. Cheryl GREEN

	Discussion	Outcomes/Actions Needed
Special Guest: GSU President Sheryl Green	Bill called the meeting to order at 12:15 pm. New GSU President Dr. Cheryl Green introduced herself to the Board. She described how she is actively settling into her new office by speaking with various groups and constituencies in order to develop both her immediate priorities, as well as her longer-term vision for the University going forward. The Board expressed our enthusiastic support for her emerging administration, and informed her of our traditional policy to contribute a donation of \$250.00 to the GSU Foundation for the President's Excellence Fund.	Chapter Treasurer Jane Wells will send a Chapter check to Penny Perdue in the President's Office for \$250.00 payable to the GSU Foundation for the President's Excellence Fund.
Welcome to Ann Jaso	Ann JASO was welcomed as our newest GSU-SUAA Board Member.	
Review of Prior Meeting Minutes:	Following one grammatical correction from Betsy Essex, the meeting minutes from June 18 were approved unanimously. All Board meeting minutes are posted on the GSU-SUAA News Blog www.gsusuaa.org	June 18 meeting minutes unanimously approved.
GSU-SUAA Chapter Newsletter:	The GSU-SUAA Chapter Newsletter has been distributed via e-mail to most of our membership, except for 20-some members for whom we have no mailing address. We are having the GSU print shop produce a run of 50 color hard copies to be sent to those folks via USPS. Although the Newsletter ended up somewhat longer than in the past, we were able to include all of the proposed articles within 21 pages, which seemed reasonable given the number of key issues at stake.	

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Support for the “Fair Tax” Amendment on the fall ballot:	Jane agreed to form an ad hoc committee to design a postcard that reminds our members of the salient reasons/arguments for advocating to others the need to VOTE YES for the Fair Tax Amendment in the fall. Sheryl will work with the GSU print shop to run 500 color copies for mailing to our membership by the middle of August. Michelle or Nick will post an electronic version of the postcard on our Facebook page. Bill will submit an editorial to the <i>Daily Southtown</i> that follows on one recently submitted by Addison. Addison will work with his contacts at CTBA, specifically Drazzel Feliu, to develop and produce a possible ZOOM or YouTube presentation.	As stated.
Membership Committee:	Due to COVID-19, rather than holding the traditional Fall Membership Drive this year, it was decided to instead encourage each current member to recruit a new member during Winter/Spring 2021. Meanwhile, Laura and Colleen will try to obtain contact information for new incoming employees from GSU Human Resources, so that we can focus on them as well.	As stated.
Adjournment:	Next GSU-SUAA Board Meeting will be on August 20 th at Noon. The meeting was adjourned from the Zoom platform at 1:23 pm.	

Submitted by Laura Owens