Minutes of the April 20, 2012 Membership Meeting

Members Present: Melissa Powell-Williams, Jeff Heck, Robert Scott, Mike Searles, Mike Bishku, Angela Bratton, Wally Evans, Ray Whiting, and Bill Reese

Nonmembers present: Penny Alderman

I. Meeting was called to order at 2:30 by chapter president Bill Reese.

II. Old Business

a. Minutes of March 16th were read and approved.

b. Officer Reports:

   i. Treasurer: $32.59 in savings and $1175.95 in checking accounts.

   ii. VP: There were approximately thirty people who attended the state meeting; many schools were poorly represented. There was a presentation by Jeff Boldt who shared the tremendous variation of pay among adjunct between schools-$5000-$700 per class. Many at the state meeting were expressing concerns about the mergers taking place across the state.

   iii. President: All items to be covered are included in other sections of the agenda.

   c. Cherished Principles: To date we have received 105 endorsements for the statement which is approximately 40% of the faculty. After some discussion, the chapter agrees to send the statement forward to the working groups for consideration.

   d. Support Staff Survey: The idea been presented to both the support staff and Dr. Bloodworth for consideration. The support staff has demonstrated some ambivalence, while Dr. Bloodworth has indicated that he supports the effort to consider the opinions and positions of the support staff.

   e. University Advocate: The item will be going up for vote at faculty meeting.

   f. Equity in Scheduling: This issue is going up for vote at the faculty meeting. This topic may be disputed on the faculty floor by those who feel that it is not needed or making it too difficult for department heads.
III. New business

a. Faculty Governance: Item discussed in later section.

b. New Interim President: Process was not open but is not required to be so.

c. Language of "success" vs. "access" by President Azziz. This language may suggest a change in focus related to rising standards that may disqualify students. We may need meet with the president soon and address our concerns (clocking hours and duties, meeting our needs for students).

d. Elections of President and Treasurer: Faculty voted Mike Bishku to serve as chapter president and Angela Bratton to continue serving as chapter treasurer.

e. Honoring Dr. Bloodworth: Chapter discusses a way to honor Dr. Bloodworth for his service to the faculty by establishing a scholarship in his name. This could be added to the existing A Day campaign. Chapter will contact Helen Hendee for consideration.

f. Chapter discusses the future of faculty governance. MOTION: the chapter to develop a statement regarding faculty of ASU and GHSU approve of the governance structure of the "New U" by vote is passed. Statement: "No model of shared governance will be given legitimacy unless it is first approved by a vote by both ASU and GHSU faculty." MOTION: to present the statement at the faculty meeting by chapter president for vote passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25.