Members present: Carol Kornhauser, Chair; Nikki Broderick-Roby; Debra Joseph; Michael Lear. Absent: Kimberlee Bryan; Frank Koczur; Karen Mertzman; Mary Sakellaris; Emily Shirk.

The meeting began at 10:04 a.m. The members in attendance approved the minutes from the last meeting (with corrections). Carol thanked Debbie Joseph for speaking to Barry Bosley and finding out about the catering contract with Sodexo and the issue of high prices and possible renegotiation. It was agreed to invite Barry Bosley to the general membership meeting to discuss the issue. Based on what Barry mentioned to Debbie about why catering costs are as they are, Mike Lear suggested that the solution may very well have to be to increase departmental budgets to pay for food for events. A discussion ensued on what date to set the Fall general membership meeting and it was determined that we needed to set the agenda first. Suggestions for speakers besides Barry Bosley were to invite Laura Fiore of Human Resources to discuss banner time sheet reporting, especially the rumored possibility of roll-over vacation days from year to year. Time would also be set aside for questions and comments with the meeting to be no longer than 1 hour, 15 minutes. Carol raised the idea of asking for money for coffee, tea, and water. Tuesday November 13 at 10am was suggested as the possible date for the general membership meeting in Booth Ferris or Stahr Auditorium. Nikki agreed to check availability of locations.

Carol talked about what the committee’s goals were and if people know what we do and whether to ask us to check into issues on their behalf. She asked about progress and/or follow-up on some of the initiatives mentioned last May. Nikki reported that she and Mary had investigated the idea of early closing on Fridays during the summer. Some Colleges such as Simpson College do so as ‘energy saving days” and close on holidays or are only open half-days. A discussion ensued on what scheme could be adopted here that would truly represent savings. Debbie suggested that perhaps half-hour, rather than one-hour lunches could be adopted that would allow closing one-half hour earlier. Several people mentioned that as a residential College with summertime programs that early closing across the College may not be possible. The issue was tabled.

Carol brought up the issue of committee membership and reported that she had asked Nancy Eshleman if there was a list of committees that included non-exempt staff as members. A discussion ensued on how we might inform staff about committees that they could serve on. Mike Lear suggested that Human Resources might serve as a clearinghouse by managing a list of volunteers for committees in coordination with the General Officers.

Talking more about the 15% discount for employees of the College who use AT&T wireless service, Nikki Roby reported that there was also a $10 a month stipend (regardless of mobile phone plan) for employees who use their cell phones for company business. Carol
asked if we should make this additional information known at the general meeting. Mike Lear wondered if the $10 stipend was across the board or something unique to Nikki’s department.

The meeting concluded with a brief discussion on the part of the proposed bylaws dealing with the definition of the co-chair’s duties. It was suggested that the provision automatically making the co-chair the chair the following year be made optional.

The meeting ended at 11:10 a.m. The next meeting is the general membership meeting on November 13.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Lear,
Secretary