Call to Order at: 12:00 by President Burton-McLaughlin

Senators: President Burton-McLaughlin, Trustee McCaughey, Senator Murray, Secretary Curtis, Senator Boram, Senator Huenneke, Senator Hurd, Senator Hlavaty, and Advisor Eich-Richardson

Motion: Motion made by Trustee McCaughey to excuse Senator Carlton.
Second: Senator Murray
Vote: Unanimous

Guests: Michael Perreault, Josef Rivera, Perry Schwartz, Thom Simmons, Matthew Shippee, Amy Proietti, and Sheryl Hruska.

Review and approve minutes from September 30, 2013
Motions: Trustee McCaughey
Second: Senator Murray
Vote: Unanimous

Internal Reports

1. Budget Update: As of September 30, 2013 we have $7,427.03 in Operating Budget and $6,291.87 in our Reserve Budget.

2. Advisor Report: Senator Burton-McLaughlin received the Dean Sullivan Award for involvement and leadership on campus from CCSLA. Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive for the GCC Food Pantry starts 11/1. We are setting up a table to have with the Food Drive 11/18-11/22. Please fill out the sheets for times you can volunteer.

Committee Reports

1. College Affairs – Secretary Curtis. The responsibility of areas that include bulletin boards, paintings (temporary) and student voices. Responsibility to maintain own spaces by offices and bulletin boards nearby. This came about because someone is placing things on bulletin boards near S206 and the area looks terrible. We worked on guidelines for displaying items throughout GCC. Displays impact the other areas nearby. Planning a possibly multi cultural displays in the Humanities Studio. Or perhaps the East Building lounge area.

2. College Council - Senator Burton- McLaughlin – Adjusting by-laws of Standing Council. Develop more At Large Positions and also, new amendment to by-law, need to update the current by-laws. Dining Commons – 2 back to back events were held. Need to find a better way to inform students when this area is closed or open. Need to have C-208 available to students during this event. Need to send out more emails to students and make them aware.

3. Diversity – Senator Boram – Edited the course outline and potential instructors for course. The Diversity Committee has projects that are still ongoing.
4. **Student Development** – Trustee McCaughey - Civic engagement, ways to get students engaged. Smoking on campus, there is a push to make GCC a non-smoking campus. In reference to Public Safety, the arming of police officers. President Pura wants us to be safe while on campus. President Pura also wants feedback from Senate and students. Need to have Senate discuss further. Possibly have Public Safety meet with Senate before decision is made.

**Special Orders**

1. **Business Club – Thom Simmons.** The trip to the soccer game was not put into the budget. 14 students went and the cost was $668.00. Each student put in $10 towards their ticket. Which cut the cost by $140. **Motion made to approve budget of $500 for the soccer game out of Senate Reserve**
   Motion: Trustee McCaughey
   Second: Senator Murray
   Vote: Unanimous

2. **Music Department – Matthew Shippee** – Requesting additional fund so the Music Department can schedule a Performance/Lecture Series this year. Funding pays for guests to come to GCC, perform, and discuss their music with audience. These events are open to students and the community. They are requesting $1,200 at this time. Suggesting $1,000 opposed to $1,200 from Senate Reserve. **Motion made to take $1,000 out of Senate Reserve for Music Department**
   Motion: Trustee McCaughey
   Second: Senator Murray
   Vote: Unanimous

3. **FRTA – Michael Perreault, Joset Rivera, and Perry Schwartz.** Make some route changes to assist those in the community. They are working on reconstruction of the system. FRTA did receive feedback from the students, while they were set up in the Core last week. They will be adding UMass connection to the route. These changes will be taken to the Public Hearing on November 22. Any feedback and comments will be taken to the Board Meeting in early December. They want to make the FRTA schedules easier to understand. Have the route set up in a figure eight fashion. Break the Greenfield route up into 2 patterns; make a loop and no reverse. Have more service to GCC, have buses every hour on the hour. Athol withdrew from needing service, and that needs to be put into the formula. More buses from 5A to 7P. This way they can better connect people. They also want to make the system better and more user friendly for all of their customers. This will take time to develop. Any questions can make comments of their website. Suggest that we put the bus schedules on our tvs and also, email the schedules to students. Fares will stay the same is their intent. Except for Turners Falls and Orange routes. There was a mention of Student Passes and discounts. This is in the works already. Fares range from $1 to $1.50.

**New Business** – none

**Adjournment: 12:57**
**Motion:** Senator Murray
**Second:** Senator Hurd