

SENATE OF ACADEMIC STAFF

Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2020

Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

Present: Bonack, Bruni, Carriveau, Christopher, Duchek, Johnson, Koch, Marine, Marshall, McArthur, McDaniels, Miller, Smith, Smolinski, Walfish

Excused: Boehler,

Absent: None

Administrative Representative: Carmen Faymonville

Guests: James Fletcher, Daphne Lewis, John Koker, Nicholas Ambrose, Debbie Gray-Patton, Haley Severson, Jim Stevens, Kevin Shumann, Maria Fletcher, Chelsea Faase, Kevin Boldt

1. Call to Order – President Christopher called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.
2. Guest: AVC Fletcher -Budget Updates – Updates and Initiatives were covered. Items covered included: Cash flow model assumptions chart, recovery plan budget, one-time costs to be covered, Funding, Forecast, Enrollment trends, Financial Projection results, Financial performance changes and Recommendations [Performance Target, operating budget, university operations], and continued progress on merging budget processes for all three campuses. Discussion included enrollment number planning and appreciation for all the work from everyone across campus.
3. Guests: Provost Koker – Greys Report and Discussion – This process to look into our academic structure was two-fold. First was a 2-day workshop looking at existing programs, potential programs, program recommendations, and assessment. The second step focuses on the process of using seed money to fund new program development, and working with campus to determine which ones. A Steering committee will be formed to get the next steps going. Provost shared the following website that holds the workshop findings and information related these stages as we move forward. Website: <https://www.uwosh.edu/provost/academic-structure-exploration/GrayAssociatesWorkshopReport.pdf>

4. Approval of the Minutes of November 19, 2020

MOTION: Bruni/Marine moved approval of the minutes of November 19, 2020 as distributed. Passed Unanimously

5. Reports

a. President's Report –

1. Provost Administrative Staff & Shared Governance Leaders Meeting: They are looking into creating a policy for Online Classes, COVID updates were shared, and updates on the online application fee was waived.
2. Chancellor's one-on-one meeting:
Administration is working on a more diverse recruiting measure.

b. Committee Reports

1. Faculty Senate (Smolinski) – Normal agenda items and discussion on the IAS committee report to the Provost will be talked at a future meeting giving shared governance leadership a chance to meet first. They also talked about their Priorities for the spring semester.
2. Oshkosh Student Association (Boelher) – No Report
3. University Staff Senate – No report
4. Access Campuses Report –
 - a. Fox Cities (Carriveau) – The Greys report and campus effects were shared and was well attended. They had a budget meeting related to the timeline of merging budgets and all the things to be considered.
 - b. Fond du Lac (TBD) – No Report
5. Academic Staff Professionals Rep Org (McArthur) – No report
6. UWS Academic Staff Reps (Koch) – Several campuses have furloughs, possible layoffs, and budget challenges yet for the spring semester, it was nice to know our administration has done a good job on our campus. The hopes were shared to a light at the end of the tunnel with COVID and discussion was also held about a the search for the System President, and campuses each offering online courses and their approach.
7. AS Professional Development Fund (Marshall) – No updates
8. Chancellors Administrative Staff (Rotating Senators) – No report
9. Administration Liaison (Faymonville) – Reminder to attend the HR Connections when you can and stay up to date with HR updates.
10. IAS Committee – Report -The committee elected Senator Miller to be their Chair and the report will be at the next meeting.

6. Action Items

- a. OSA Blue Light Resolution – Endorsement from Senate

MOTION: Bruni/Marshall moved to endorse the OSA Resolution for Blue Lights. Passed Unanimously

SAS 2021-07 The Senate of Academic Staff endorsed the OSA Resolution for Blue Lights.

7. Discussion Items:

- a. IAS Taskforce Recommendation – Senator Miller shared the memo from the IAS working group over the summer that the Senate committee also responded to, but will continue to look for opportunities and suggestions. Senators were reminded to share any feedback with him.

8. Information Items/Announcements

- a. For the good of the campus:
- b. Senator Walfish reminded everyone of the Student Art Show.
- c. Senators were also reminded to promote the use of the Student Opinion Surveys as we begin a new way to administer them. Feedback is welcome.
- d. Senator Smith thanked everyone for the donations and contributions to the Toy Drive for the holidays that was coordinated through their office, the efforts were amazing.

9. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

April Dutschek,
Recorder