Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2021
1-2:30 pm, Microsoft Teams Meeting

Present: Elizabeth Bloedow, Lisa Goetsch, Fran Holzmann, Dana Hartel, Michelle Highley, Theresa Hopp, Linda Koon, Judy Lloyd, Sarah Martin Kriha, Sean Murphy, Cindy Schultz

Excused: Lauren Burgbacher, Ricky Johnson, Bob Knudsen, Lori Knudsen, Kristina Mosley, Amy Ready, Tom Romanowski

Absent: Guests: Brooke Berens, Patricia Schrader, Julia Hodgen, Lesa Kuberski, Rebecca Durbin, Andrew Sachen, John Nonestied

SAS Liaison: Jennifer Bonack - excused
Admin Liaison: Shawna Kuether

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by President Goestch.

2. Approval of the Minutes April 14, 2021

   Minute’s stand approved as amended.

3. Committee Reports
   a. President’s Report – President Goetsch reported on the following items:
      i. Provost Administrative Staff – UW System plans to conduct a survey on Canvas, the COLS Dean’s search will begin by summer, the Dean for CON has retired and they are looking for an interim fill, and they are planning on employees returning to campus as we hope to move back to some pre-pandemic operations. Telecommuting may be considered per area/division and filed with HR for consideration.
      ii. Leadership Council – At May Board of Regents meetings, the Regents reviewed their own bylaws amongst the agenda items. They are planning to go back to in-person meetings over the summer, as well as an in-person meeting for their scheduled October meeting here on our Oshkosh campus. Campus vaccination numbers were shared, the EOC shared a presentation on the transition to fall, and a variety of campus COVID updates were shared. COVID testing will continue to be available, and in June the new plan will be shared for fall at the June Leadership Council meeting.
      iii. Chancellor’s Town Hall – COVID updates and numbers were shared, plans for summer camps and testing location updates. Athletics is hoping to be back to normal in the fall, as well as classes (which was noted that 80% of classes for fall will be in-person).
      iv. Chancellor Administrative Staff – Updates included: Captain Tarmann shared the need for area/internal to update their Continuation of Operation Plan (CUP), a Campus Climate Survey was conducted (but no data is available yet), and the TITAN Advantage Program will be happening.
      v. State Representatives Meeting – The Board of Regents approved the University Staff Excellence Award. Each campus is managing the process in their own manner. Other updates included: Vaccinations, returning to work, and commencements. UW Platteville is going to start outsourcing custodial
and facilities. State senators are discussing regionalization of campuses, but no one on our level is in favor of it. Concerns over trans women in sports was shared, and the newly proposed budget only seems ok, not great. A budget announcement is anticipated to be coming out soon. Additional discussion items included: DE+, shared governance participation in the search for the new System President, and TTC updates.

vi. Conference on Shared Governance meeting – covered in other reports.

vii. One-on-One – The position for Vice Chancellor for Students Affairs position description was discussed, and that was the bulk of the meeting.

b. Treasurer’s report – remains the same
   1. University Staff Senate: $ 10,327.31
   2. University Development & Appreciation Day: $ -2,520.39
   3. University Professional Leadership & Development: $ 4,753.00

c. Faculty Senate – (Goetsch) OSA announced a new mission and vision statement updated, they approved the new Climate Action committee, voted on IAS voting rights (approving parts of the language), approved an extension to the trial of the SOS process.

d. Senate of Academic Staff – Jennifer Bonack – No Report

e. Access Campuses – Senator Bloedow (FOX) - Distributing our swag bags, and folks appreciate them. Getting ready to start our enrollments for new students and see what fall will look like. Updates –Senator Holzman (FDL)-Updates: Committee appointments were made, participation in a tree planting event, they had a new hire in the Biology department, and they were also appreciative of the bags.

g. Administrative Representative – AVC Kuether noted that most updates were already shared but did remind everyone that supervisor discussions need to be held, the need to review job descriptions, the process and an appeal option that won’t be an option until November or December.

h. Other Committee Report – None

4. Action/Approval Items –
   1. University Staff Senate Collegium Endorsement

   MOTION: Schultz/Hartel moved to approve the University Staff Senate Collegium Endorsement. 9 Yes, Passed

   USS 2021-09 The University Staff Senate approved the University Staff Senate Collegium Endorsement.

   2. Handbook Change/Policy – Climate Action Committee

   MOTION: Lloyd/Schultz moved to approve the Handbook Change/Policy-Climate Action Committee. 9 Yes, Passed

   USS 2021-10 The University Staff Senate approved the Handbook Change/Policy-Climate Action Committee

   3. Awards Committee Appointment – Cindy Schultz

   MOTION: Hartel/Lloyd moved to approve the Awards Committee Appointment of Cindy Schultz. 10 Yes, Passed

   USS 2021-11 The University Staff Senate approved the Awards Committee Appointment of Cindy Schultz.
5. Discussion Items –
   a. Complimentary Bags to University Staff – LTEs have now also been informed of the distribution; they were missed on the first communication on accident. Access Campus employees will have them delivered to the campus for pick up as well.
   b. Senator Hopp inquired about a thank you for residence life custodians from administration for their high-risk exposure to COVID. She was informed that something is being discussed for fall once everyone is back.
   c. Senator Hartel reminded everyone that they can share input on name suggestions for the falcon chicks. So far they have received 174 responses.

6. Items from Members –
   a. Sally Margis Grant Update – Senator Schultz reported that two applicant requests were submitted and granted.
   b. Senator Schultz also reported that a recipient has been granted for the Professional Development grant.
   c. New Senators are invited to attend in May and terms begin in June (16th)
   d. June meeting will have executive committee elections.

7. Next meeting – June 16, 2021

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

April Dutscheck, Recording Secretary