

Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2022

1-2:30 pm, Microsoft Teams Meeting

Present: Brooke Berrens, Julia Hodgen, Fran Holzmann, Ricky Johnson, Lesa Jorgensen, Linda Koon, Judy Lloyd, Sarah Martin Kriha, Sean Murphey, Patricia Schrader, Cindy Schultz

Excused: Theresa Hopp, Kris Kissling, Amy Ready

Absent: Bob Knudsen, Lori Knudsen, Tom Romanowski

Guests: Lisa Goetsch, Brad Spanbauer, Erin Grisham, Andrew Sachen, Sue Jaeke, Jen Szydlak

SAS Liaison: Liz Christopher

Admin Liaison: Shawna Kuether - excused

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m. by President Koon. She then welcomed and thanked the guests for attending today.
2. Guest: Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs – VC Grisham shared her background and what lead her to UWO. She noted her appreciation for the sense of community here amongst other things that lead to her accepting this position. She noted her goals to make the student experiences the best they can be, and that the work starts as soon as a student says they want to come to UWO.
3. Guest: Brad Spanbauer – Sustainability Commitment. Brad shared the work of the Sustainability committee, and their efforts with a group called Second Nature. Goals included a carbon goal in a more wholistic way on key issues and topics, in addition to the goal of carbon neutrality from 2006. They are asking each Senate to endorse this commitment and then they will ask the Chancellor to sign off on it.
4. Approval of the Minutes March 9, 2022
Minutes stand approved as distributed

5. Committee Reports

- a. President's Report –President Koon reported on the following items:
 - Leadership Council was used as an event to honor and recognize outgoing Interim System President Thompson for his service. He received recognition from OSA, the community, and ended his visit with a tour of our biodigester.
 - Capital Budget requests have been submitted and they include Polk updates in addition to a various other needs including a few of our residence halls.
 - The search and screen committee for the CON Dean has finished, and an offer will be going out to a candidate by the end of next week.
 - The search for the AVC for Graduate Studies, Research, & Innovation will begin soon.
 - Erin Heiling, the Provost's administrative assistant, is retiring next month, and a search will be held for her position soon after.
 - Mask updates were shared with Campus from Chief Leibold, be sure to keep up to date.
- b. Treasurer's report – No changes from last meeting
 - i. University Staff Senate: \$ 10,628
 - ii. University Development & Appreciation Day: \$ 477.97

- iii. University Professional Leadership & Development: \$ 4,753.00
 - c. Faculty Senate (Koon/Szydlik) – Their Senate endorsed the Sustainability endorsement, passed the policy on joint university committees (GOV 6.2), and APC Forms C.
 - d. Senate of Academic Staff – (Representative Christopher) – They had Brad Spanbauer as a guest to speak to the sustainability endorsement, made committee appointments, and had reports as usual.
 - e. Access Campuses –
 - Senator Kissling (FOX) – No Report
 - Senator Holzmann (FDL) - Updates: Fall classes are getting entered; they are preparing for HLC and their campus identify as an additional location, not a branch campus; mask updates were shared; they held an open house that was well attended; and they continue to focus on retention.
 - f. Other Committee Report – None
6. Action/Approval Items –
- a. Committee Appointments: Elections Committee – Judy Lloyd, Lisa Goetsch, & Julia Hodgen

MOTION: Schultz/Holzmann moved to approve the committee appointments. (12 Yes) Passed

USS 2122-07 The University Staff Senate approved the following committee appointments: Elections Committee – Judy Lloyd, Lisa Goetsch, & Julia Hodgen.

7. Discussion Items –
- a. The Commitment to Sustainability - The green house emissions, the work of the Climate Action Committee (now Sustainability Committee), and great efforts and goals with the endorsement were commended.
 - b. Committee on Committee – The COC needs three members: One past member and two Senators. Lisa Goetsch volunteered to serve as the past-member, and Senators Lloyd and Schultz in the Senator seats. These appointments will be an action item for approval at the next meeting.
 - c. GOV 6.2 – Dr. Nathan Stuart shared that the updates to GOV 6.2, which will now be a policy on the joint university committees, covers the needed structure updates to include the access campuses and their committees, inclusion of University Staff Senate into shared governance, and several necessary key updates. This update is part of larger project to have a central location for one online policy website for campus. System has asked each campus to have these established.
8. Items from Members –
- a. Senator Schultz reported that the email was recently sent out for both the Sally Margis and University Staff Professional Development Grants. She encouraged us to remind colleagues of these opportunities and to apply.
 - b. Lisa Goetsch shared updates on USPDD: She noted her gratitude for the committee's preparation work already; June 13th was the selected date for the event; it will be held in person; they are still looking for a keynote speaker; and they would like to ask the Chancellor to remind supervisors of the options available for staff to attend the event.

9. Information Items –
 - a. Election's reminder: Nominations are due March 15th. Elections March 30, 31, & April 1st.
 - b. Committee Interest survey to come out April 4th.
 - c. Remaining vacancy: Senator Representative - Faculty Senate
10. Next Meeting: April 6, 2022
11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

April Dutschek,
Recording Secretary