

Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2023

1-2:30 pm, Microsoft Teams Meeting

Present: Brooke Berrens, Lauren Burgbacher, Josh Christensen, April Dutscheck, Fran Holzmann, Erin Johnson, Danielle Juan, Kris Kissling, Judy Lloyd, Cindy Schultz
Excused: Angelee Hammond, Lesa Jorgensen, Lisa Mick, Tom Romanowski,
Absent: Toni Aaron, Abby O'Neil, Jennifer Keso
Guests: AVC Martin Rudd, Christie Demosthenous, Alison Kunde, Dana Hartel,
SAS Liaison: Erin McArthur - excused
Admin Liaison: Shawna Kuether

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

1. Guest: Assistant Vice Chancellor for Access Campuses - Martin Rudd – AVC Rudd shared his appreciation for Senate having him today and covered some updates on both UWO+ as well as updates from the Fond du Lac and Fox Cities campuses.

UWO+ is now officially a trademark brand, with guided online accelerated credentials. It's not a program on its own, its online offerings targeted to a new audience of students that have some college credentials but not a completed degree.

So far, they have had their trademark approved, launched a digital marketing strategy with Granular, launched and offered UWO+ programs/classes, and hired success navigators. They had their first course offerings in fall 2022. Their marketing strategy focus is working with adult students with no credits, and some credits including those with an associate degree. They are happy to report they have met and succeeded past their goal already.

Next Steps for UWO+ = Unfiltered viewability for all online courses, equivalent access and promotion of all courses regardless of modality, requirement for all online courses to be Quality Courses by Design certified and Simplified online tuition structure with creation of online classes funded within the tuition plateau.

There have been some pros and cons to current students that found their way into the UWO courses. Student billing was complicated, and on-campus varies from current in-person, but it showed areas that need to be worked on. A key question is 'how do we expand UWO's online footprint to those students not targeted'? Titan Web needs to be cleaned up, as it can show an unfiltered view of course offerings. Our current goal is to meet students where they are at, helping them to graduate, and maintaining our standards.

Fond du Lac & Fox Cities Updates:

AVC Martin oversees the Access Campuses and reports to the Chancellor, serves on the cabinet, and has done so for nearly five years now. Different types of mechanisms and some budgeted systems vary as the county factors into their operational system.

Senator Juan shared that she has sat on a few different committees and seen the moral concerns from the Fond du Lac & Fox Cities campuses and shared that if there is anything staff at the Oshkosh Campus can do to help, please let us know. AVC Martin reminded everyone that words matter and even though some of the work may look different between the three campuses, we are all here for the students.

Terminology like that of a 'main campus' is not well received, rather all three campuses equally, and naming each of the access campuses by name would be helpful instead of always grouping them together.

Senator Holzmann asked for AVC Rudd to share the Chancellor's ideas to help promote Fond du Lac and Fox Cities campuses: Offering a K-12 Outreach Education Center at the Fox Museum or Barlow Planetarium, and potentially offering free consultations to small business developers and entrepreneurs.

Senator Kissling asked for the differences to be shared between the Childcare Center at the Oshkosh Campus and the Fox Cities campus. AVC Rudd shared that the Fox Cities Childcare Center is located in a very urban area and is licensed and owned by the county.

2. Approval of the Minutes April 19, 2023

Minutes stand approved as amended.

3. Committee Reports

- a. President's Report – President Burgbacher reported on the following items:
 - Thank you to all that helped with Commencement and volunteered to work in various ways. Both ceremonies went great!
 - We will be welcoming our new Provost, Edwin Martini, on July 5th and we are looking forward to working with him. There will be a farewell reception for Provost Koker on May 23rd.
 - Closure of the Childcare Center Updates: Reminder that this had nothing to do with current staff at the Center, there is a financial deficit that came with the building when we took it over, and a culmination of many years of struggling have factored in greatly. On top of the financial issues, they are only staffed enough to host 47 students when the building could house 150. Additionally, it's a cost recovery program that cannot use university funding and without being at capacity it's not covering its financial needs. The staff have all been offered positions at Head Start to ensure they don't lose their jobs. Senator Schultz noted that there is a petition on Facebook to save the Center.
 - Provost Administrative Staff – Updates were shared on current searches, as well as System asking all universities to remove the DEI statement from position statements.
 - Treasurer's report – No update – *Stays the same*
 - i. University Staff Senate: \$ 627.01
 - ii. University Development & Appreciation Day: \$-767.28
 - iii. University Professional Leadership & Development: \$ 4753.00
- b. Faculty Senate – They welcomed any newly elected Senators that were at their final meeting of the year as guests, as they will begin their terms in the fall. They also voted to approve three policies, one that affects university staff was the Faculty Voting Rights policy that explains when those rights are permitted to academic and university staff.
- c. Senate of Academic Staff – Karl Boehler became the new President for SAS in May and shared updates at the most recent Provost Administrative Staff meetings that included the transition of leadership and senators, election of their executive committee, approval of committee on committee appointments, and a no-vote on the Faculty Voting Rights Policy.
- d. Climate Action Committee – Senator Juan reminded everyone that the Sustainability Summit is this Friday and encouraged everyone to attend.
- e. Access Campuses –

- Senator Kissling [FOX] – Updates included: Moral issues remain, especially with the faculty differences as of late, which is unfortunate, especially after nearly 5 years into this merger.
- Senator Holzmann [FDL] – Updates included: Senator Holzmann hosted the most recent executive committee meeting in-person, providing a tour and treats. Updates from their recent Collegium: They have two retirements coming up, reviewed some governance certificates, and hosted a tree planting ceremony. Senator Holzmann thanked Senator Juan for her comments today in support of the Fond du Lac & Fox Cities campuses, that support is sure appreciated.

f. Other Committee Reports – None

4. Action/Approval Items –

- a. Appointment of Lauren Burgbacher to the Academic Affairs A Seat

MOTION: Schultz/Holzmann moved to approve the appointment of Lauren Burgbacher to the Academic Affairs A Seat. (9 Yes) (0 No) (0 Abstentions). Passed Unanimously

USS 2223-10 The University Staff Senate approved the appointment of Lauren Burgbacher to the Academic Affairs A Seat.

- b. Policy on extending Faculty Voting Rights to Academic and University Staff

MOTION: Schultz/Holzmann moved to approve the Policy on extending Faculty Voting Rights to Academic and University Staff. (9 Yes) (0 No) (0 Abstentions). Passed Unanimously

USS 2223-11 The University Staff Senate approved the Policy on extending Faculty Voting Rights to Academic and University Staff

5. Discussion Items [In One Drive for Senators if needed] –

- a. Meeting Platform for 2023-2024 – The overall feel was the keep the meetings in a virtual platform, discussion of a hybrid option was briefly discussed.
- b. Executive Committee elections at the final meeting: Please consider running, nominations are now open!
- c. Reminder: USPDD is May 22nd
- d. Grants Update – Senator Schultz - Two recipients this year included Miranda Ridener and Cindy Schultz. Congratulations to both! We also had two recipients for the Sally Margis Grant: Christopher Hendee & Carolyn Krogman.

6. Items from Members –

- 1. Nominations are open until they are closed during the final meeting for the executive committee.

7. Information Items - None

- a. FINAL meeting is June 14, 2023: Transition of Leadership

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

April Dutscheck,
Recording Secretary