



Senate of Academic Staff

Minutes

March 29, 2018

Dempsey 212

Present: Bauder, Bruni, Johnson, Marine, Marshall, Morrell, Palmer, Suwalski, Szromba, Wolf

Excused: Alatorre, Bannenberg, Clements, Finkel-Hoffman, Treager

Absent:

Administrative Representative: Carmen Faymonville

Guests: Pamela MacWilliams, FLD: Missy Motl, FOX: Ane Carriveau, Bethany Reilly, Eveyln Li

1. Call to Order
President Bauder called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting, including our guests both in person as well as over teleconference.
2. Guest: Pamela MacWilliams – Tobacco Free Campus Policy – Pamela shared a summary of the policy, including updates made to it since it was presented last spring, along with distributing a FAQ document for senators to review. A lengthy discussion was held on the concerns of having a policy of this magnitude on campus. Discussion topics included: Where will current smokers go to smoke, especially if they aren't allowed to smoke in their vehicles; what about the large number of students that live on campus; public safety concerns; concerns over banning a legal substance; noting alternates or resources for those trying to quit in the policy; and consideration of a substance free instead of a tobacco free policy. Pamela encouraged senators to share all their feedback onto the policy website to be sure it is all collected.

3. Approval of the March 8, 2018 Minutes

MOTION: Moved approval of the minutes as amended by Bruni/Marine. Passed Unanimously

4. Reports –
 - a. President's Report – President Bauder
 - Provost Administrative Staff - The Provost reported that administration met with System President Cross last week to go over some revenue generation ideas and the financial recovery plan. It was noted that most items seemed to be considered.
 - Restructuring updates and progress were shared. Target date for full student academic calendar transition is fall of 2019.
 - Transfer deposits are up, this is good news.
 - A second Academic Staff forum will be held before the academic year is out to address current issues. AVC Faymonville asked them to possibly consider having an agenda for the meeting.
 - b. Committee Reports –
 1. Faculty Senate (Szromba) – Highlights included: They had an Enrollment Management Update from VC Cheryl Green. She challenged them to think about how to help in a variety of ways that impact enrollment; the Tobacco Free Campus Policy was presented for its first read; approval and APC items; review and first read of the Pest Management Policy; and governance restructuring updates.

2. OSA (Wolf) – Highlights included: Chancellor Leavitt was their guest and he reported mostly about restructuring and their efforts to continue to reach out the two new campuses. They also had VC Green attend to give an update on student affairs vs. academic affairs, and the goals for the Student Affairs division on campus.
3. USS (Bauder) – They had an enrollment Management Update from VC Cheryl Green; had the first reading for the Tobacco Free Campus Policy, action on approval items; and a reminder that elections for their 9 opens seats are held April 4-6th.
4. ASPRO (Finkel) – No Report
5. UWS Academic Staff Reps (Suwalski) – Meeting highlights included: Campus Pay Plans; continuation of the academic staff representatives from Extension; Biennial Budget update; 2020 high impact practices report; it was noted that System President Cross apologized to the Faculty group for his comments on Shared Governance, but not to the other groups; and they only have one more meeting this year so please be sure to let Senator Suwalski know of any items you would like him to bring forward.
6. Administrative Liaison (AVC Faymonville) – Nothing in addition to the reports today.

5. Action Items - None

6. Discussion Items

- a. Tobacco Free Campus Policy – Senators asked what this would mean with the restructuring and if it would be possible to postpone the policy until after that transition is done. Other concerns also included: The effects on the 3,000 students that live on campus, why not a substance free policy since tobacco is legal, concerns over the lack of student support as well.
- b. Pest Management Sustainability Policy – Senators asked that Risk Management be contact to be sure they also reviewed the policy and have no concerns.
- c. Governance Restructuring – Senators Morrell and Szromba met with their restructuring groups and are working on creating a transitional year resolution for each governance body. Those will be coming before the senates at an upcoming meeting.
- d. For the good of the campus –
Senator Szromba asked if through the Strategic Planning process and the University Resource Alignment Committee the university is being extra careful to consider students that might be losing class offering they planned on when they initially chose their majors. Similar concerns were shared by other senators as well.

7. Information Items –

- a. The LGBTQ Ally March is directly following our April 12th Senate meeting

8. Other Announcements –

- a. Elections are soon: April 4th-6th, don't forget to vote!
- b. Next meeting is April 12, 2018
Guest: VC Green – Enrollment Management Update
Guest: Josh Becken & Laura Knaapen– IT Advisory Committee Feedback

9. Adjournment

MOTION: Moved to adjourn by Bruni/Marine at 4:29 p.m.

April Dutscheck,
Recording Secretary