

SENATE OF ACADEMIC STAFF
Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2021
Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

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

Excused: None

Absent: None

Administrative Representative: Carmen Faymonville

Guests: Darryl Sims, Nicholas Ambrose, Brad Spanbauer, Lori Welch

1. Call to Order – President Christopher called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

2. Approval of the Minutes of February 25, 2021

MOTION: Bruni/Smolinski moved approval of the minutes of February 25, 2021 as distributed. Passed Unanimously

3. Reports

a. President's Report –

1. Provost Administrative Staff: Commencement updates included that four separate in person ceremonies will be held, with a different student speakers for each one; Provost also shared that they are plan to open for fall 2021 either in person or online (per department approval), with no high-flex options; & Access Campus Student Association has new leadership.
2. Handbook Committee Update - The subcommittee will be getting started within the next month.
3. Campus Administration should find out soon how the distribution of the CARES Act money will be designated.
4. The COLS Dean Search will begin again soon, anticipated to get under way before the semester ends. Senators Smith and Walfish agreed to serve still as approved before. A search will also begin soon for a Sustainability Officer, and the VC for Student Affairs search is set to begin before summer as well.
5. The Board of Regents has approved that the University Staff will now also be in recipient of an annual award for the Outstanding Service Award in addition to the Faculty and Academic Staff.
6. A survey related to updates for the current wait list should be coming out soon, as it currently awaits for IRB approval.

b. Committee Reports

1. Faculty Senate (Smolinski) – Provost shared Strategic Planning updates, OSA presented a technology usage policy for feedback, the formation of a Conference Committee was approved, APC items were approved, the campus has approved moving forward with a Marching Band, Enrollment updates were shared, and CLOW renovations are hopeful with the newest capital projections.
2. Oshkosh Student Association (Boelher) – No Report
3. University Staff Senate – No Report

4. Access Campuses Report –
 - a. Fox Cities (Carriveau) – Both campuses continue to work on revisions to their constitutions and committee structures.
 - b. Fond du Lac (TBD) – No report
5. Academic Staff Professionals Rep Org (McArthur) – No Report
6. UWS Academic Staff Reps (Koch) – The upcoming agenda has continuation of vacation carried over on it. Updates will be shared electronically.
7. AS Professional Development Fund (Marshall) – No Report
8. Chancellors Administrative Staff (Rotating Senators) – Updates would be duplicate of items in the Presidents Report.
9. Administration Liaison (Faymonville) – No Report
10. Taskforce for Diversifying the instructor pool (Johnson) – No Report
11. IAS Committee – (Marine) They are waiting to hear updates from the Conference Committee before moving forward.
12. Budget & Planning Committee – (Duchek) A model assumptions chart was discussed, the use and specification for the CARES Act money to help with the deficit, and funding needs for the upcoming March Band.

4. Action Items

- a. Strategic Planning Committee (2 PAS, 1 IAS) – It was noted that a stipend for this work over the summer on this committee would be offered. Senator Marine nominated Senator Boehler as the IAS representative. Senator Boehler accepted. Joe Pirillo and Jennifer Graft were nominated from the Senate floor as PAS representatives.

MOTION: Bruni/Smolinski moved to approve the committee appointments contingent on acceptance of the PAS representatives. Passed Unanimously.

SAS 2021-14 The Senate of Academic Staff approved the following committee appointments (contingent on acceptance): Strategic Planning Committee – 2 PAS: Joe Pirillo and Jennifer Graft, 1 IAS: Karl Boehler.

- b. Conference Committee – (3 Senators) Senator Marine nominated Senator Miller, nomination was accepted. Senator Smolinski nominated President Christopher, nominated accepted. Senator Smolinski self nominated.

MOTION: Bruni/Walfish moved to approve the committee appointments. Passed Unanimously.

SAS 2021-15 The Senate of Academic Staff approved the following committee appointments: Conference Committee- Senators Christopher, Smolinski, & Miller.

5. Discussion Items:

- a. Senate discussed if meetings should be held virtually again next year. The flexibility for guest attendance, inclusivity for access campus colleagues, and attendance and more campus involvement for all three campuses shared to be a reason to hold meetings virtually again next year.

6. Information Items/Announcements
 - a. For the good of the campus:
 - b. Senator Johnson requested that Senate consider supporting an Inclusivity Resolution by OSA. The resolution supports the inclusion of the voices of students in any new hiring processes related to compliance and diversity.

7. Adjourn - Meeting adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

April Dutschek,
Recorder