

**SENATE OF ACADEMIC STAFF**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
April 1, 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 - absent

**Guests:** Erik Heller, Sarah Anderson, Julie Russo

1. Call to Order – President Christopher called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. Approval of the Minutes of March 11, 2021

**MOTION: Carriveau/McArthur moved approval of the minutes of March 11, 2021 as distributed. Passed Unanimously**

3. Reports

a. President's Report –

1. Shared Governance Leaders Meeting: The Distance Education (DE+) Initiative for on-line learning that was announced. Chancellor's, Provosts, and Faculty Representatives are coordinating response memo's noting their concerns, and requesting more opportunities to give feedback.
2. UW System has updated the Telecommuting Policy and it can be found on their website.

b. Committee Reports

1. Faculty Senate (Smolinski) – The DE + discussion was lengthy, they voted on their election committee members, and it as noted that starting April 5<sup>th</sup> all student 16 years of age and older will be eligible for the vaccine.
2. Oshkosh Student Association (Boelher) – It was one of the more exciting meetings they have had lately. They had both Chancellor Leavitt and the Lieutenant Governor as guests. Their Senate was happy to hear that we are hoping to get funding for a new track. It was noted that it would be nice to be able to host home meets.
3. University Staff Senate – In addition to the other similar reports, they made some committee appointments, and discussed the format for holding next year's meetings.
4. Access Campuses Report –
  - a. Fox Cities (Carriveau) – Collegium revisions and an updated constitution are moving through respective bodies for approval prior to the Steering Chairs coordinating and considering what to push through to the full Senate for approval.
  - b. Fond du Lac (TBD) – No report
5. Academic Staff Professionals Rep Org (McArthur) – No Report
6. UWS Academic Staff Reps (Koch) – They had a great meeting that covered the following items: Single Pay Roll out starts July 1<sup>st</sup>, Town Hall updates, Vacation carry over deadlines, discussion on branch campuses and technical colleges merging,

important qualities for the hired for the System President Search & Screen, the Telecommuting policy, and a DE+ discussion.

7. AS Professional Development Fund (Marshall) – No Update
8. Chancellors Administrative Staff (Rotating Senators) – No Report
9. Administration Liaison (Faymonville) – No Report
10. Taskforce for Diversifying the instructor pool (Senator Johnson) – No Report
11. IAS Committee – (Miller) No Report
12. Budget & Planning Committee – (Duchek) No Report

4. Discussion Items:

- a. Conference Committee Update- Senators Miller and Smolinski, and President Christopher reported that a draft is in the works for the IAS Voting right and GOV 6.1.
- b. Search & Screen for the VC for Student Affairs – 7 Academic Staff Senators Duchek, McDaniels, and Marshall all volunteer.

5. Action Items

- a. Handbook Change Form – LGBTQ+ Committee Updates

**MOTION: Bruni/Walfish moved to approve the Handbook Change Form – LGBTQ+ Committee Updates (contingent on clarification that was requested from another Senate). Passed Unanimously.**

**SAS 2021-16 The Senate of Academic Staff approved the Handbook Change Form – LGBTQ+ Committee Updates.**

- b. Elections Committee – (1 Member-At-Large [chair], & 2 Senators) Senators Bruni, McArthur, and Marshall volunteered to serve.

**MOTION: Bruni/Smolinski moved to approve the following Senators to the Elections Committee: Senators Bruni, McArthur, and Marshall. Passed Unanimously.**

**SAS 2021-17 The Senate of Academic Staff approved the following Senators to the Elections Committee: Senators Bruni, McArthur, and Marshall.**

- c. OSA Inclusivity Resolution

**MOTION: Bruni/McArthur moved to endorse the OSA Inclusivity Resolution. Passed Unanimously.**

**SAS 2021-18 The Senate of Academic Staff endorsed the OSA Inclusivity Resolution.**

- d. VC for Student Affairs Committee Appointments

Senators Duchek, McDaniels, Marshall, Bluelow, Bonack, and Johnson volunteer. Jennifer Buelow Fischer volunteered, and Jackie Connell was nominated (contingent on acceptance).

**MOTION: Bruni/Marine moved to approve the following academic staff for the VC for Student Affairs search and screen committee: Senators Duchek, McDaniels, Marshall, Bluelow, Bonack, and Johnson. Also, Jennifer Buelow and Fischer Jackie Connell. Passed Unanimously.**

**SAS 2021-19 The Senate of Academic Staff approved the following academic staff for the VC for Student Affairs search and screen committee: Senators Dutscheck, McDaniels, Marshall, Bluelow, Bonack, and Johnson. Also, Jennifer Buelow and Fischer Jackie Connell.**

6. Information Items/Announcements
  - a. For the good of the campus: See below
  - b. Elections Update – Elections will be held on April 7, 8 & 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. Senator Johnson encourages everyone to participate in this month's Asian Heritage Month events.
  - d. Senator Walfish reminded everyone of the current showings/exhibition in the Gallery's and also encouraged them to see them virtually or in person.
  - e. Senator Smith reported that the new Billboard for Vets and Pets in Dempsey is really nice and told senators that if they come through Dempsey to stop by and see it.
  - f. Senator McDaniels noted an International Students Club meeting tomorrow from 5-7pm for any that would be interested in it.
  - g. Reminder: Seniors are able to start enrolling for fall on Monday.
  
7. Adjourn – *Virtual humor: Senators voted to adjourn with their leave button*  
Meeting adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

April Dutscheck,  
Recorder