

SENATE OF ACADEMIC STAFF
Meeting Minutes
April 29, 2021
Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

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

Excused: Duchek, Smith

Absent: None

Administrative Representative: Carmen Faymonville

Guests: Chancellor Leavitt, Brad Spanbauer, Kelly Johnson

1. Call to Order – President Christopher called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.
2. Guest: Chancellor Leavitt – University Updates
Chancellor provided updates on Commencement (and the need for volunteers); enrollment numbers; budget standing and projections; Covid current data and preparing for the fall semester; Distance Education (DE+) from System; and answered questions from Senators.
3. Approval of the Minutes of April 15, 2021

MOTION: Marine/Bruni moved approval of the minutes of April 15, 2021 as distributed.

Passed Unanimously

4. Reports
 - a. President's Report –
 1. Chancellors Administrative Staff – An updated Telecommuting Policy will be updated and found on the System Website for those that work with their supervisors and Vice Chancellors for consideration as we transition back to in person during the fall semester.
 2. Leadership Council – Strategic Planning was briefly discussed and feedback was gathered for a proposal the EOC is creation for guidelines as we move forward through the pandemic. The draft guidelines will be shared at their meeting in May.
 3. A birthday wish was made to Senator Alicia Johnson!
 - b. Committee Reports
 1. Faculty Senate (Smolinski) – Brad Spanbauer shared updates on Sustainability and the request to become an all-university committee; they saw for the it's first reading, a handbook change for an update to the Improvement of Instruction Committee; voted to extend the SOS trial period; approved APC items; voted to request amendment to the Conference Committee proposal; and held elections for their executive committee for next year.
 2. Oshkosh Student Association (Boelher) – At their final meeting they had Police Chief Leibold there to speak to the blue lights, and OSA was very happy to see that thanks to their request the blue lights are being considered for updating instead of removal. Also, OSA has allocated budgets set for next year.
 3. University Staff Senate (Bonnack) -No Report
 4. Access Campuses Report –
 - a. Fox Cities (Carriveau) – They have finished reviewing the bylaws for their committee structure on their campus, and they will be asking each Senate to

consider endorsing the support of their Collegium for the next year, as they have the past few years.

- b. Fond du Lac (TBD) – No Report
 5. Academic Staff Professionals Rep Org (McArthur) – No Report
 6. UWS Academic Staff Reps (Koch) – No Report
 7. AS Professional Development Fund (Marshall) – No Report
 8. Chancellors Administrative Staff (Rotating Senators) – No Report
 9. Administration Liaison (Faymonville) – AVC Kuether and herself will be co-leading a committee to look at academic staff titles. This will be done separately from TTC. Senators Walfish and Miller volunteered, and they will work on getting an access campus members as well.
 10. IAS Committee – (Miller) No Report
 11. Budget & Planning Committee – (Duchek) No Report
 12. Conference Committee - President Christopher announced that the Faculty Senate voted to request an amendment to the draft document, and their committee will be meeting again tomorrow for review and consideration.
5. Action Items –
- a. GOV 6.1 – Approve, Reject, Amend
- MOTION: Marine/McArthur move to approve. 15 Yes, Passed**
- SAS 2021-20 The Senate of Academic Staff approved the proposed GOV 6.1 revisions.**
- b. Regents University Staff Excellence Award Selection Committee – 1 Academic Staff – With no volunteers, they will continue to look for an appointee.
6. Discussion Items:
- a. Bylaws Changes
 - i. ASPRO Rep removal – A handbook approval form and language will be shared for consideration at the next Senate meeting.
 - b. Handbook Change/Policy – Climate Action Committee - Sustainability
Brad shared that after working with both the Chancellor and Provost, he was asked to transition their subcommittee into a full all-university committee. Also, they are moving through a resolution on support of a goal for climate neutrality by 2030.
7. Information Items/Announcements
- a. Senator Walfish reminded Senator of the current shows at the art studio, encouraging everyone to come walk through or virtually visit.
 - b. Senator Johnson reported that three interns did an extensive search in “Women of Color’s experiences of pursuing higher education during a pandemic”. Link:
<https://uwosh.edu/osrca/2021/04/amanda-martinez-ayak-deng-nou-xiong>
8. Adjourn –
Meeting adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

April Dutscheck, Recorder