

**SENATE OF ACADEMIC STAFF**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
September 24, 2020  
Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

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

**Excused:** None

**Absent:** None

**Administrative Representative:** Carmen Faymonville

**Guests:** None

1. Call to Order – President Christopher called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.
2. Welcome again to our newly appointed Senators: Laura Smolinski, Anne Duchek, Alicia Johnson, & Kelsey McDaniels

3. Approval of the Minutes of May 14, 2020

**MOTION: Miller/Boehler moved approval of the minutes of May 14, 2020 as amended. Passed Unanimously**

4. Reports

- a. President's Report –

- Provost Administrative Staff – Titans Return and implementation of the new Budget Model updates were shared.
- Shared Governance Meeting – Since May, the shared governance leadership has been meeting with both the Chancellor and Provost weekly and be kept up to date on university and COVID updates.
- Chancellors Administration Staff – COVID Response Supervisor Training was held during this meeting for members.
- Leadership Council – The August meeting consisted of COVID updates and opening day plans.
- SAS Executive committee meeting – Provos Koker joined their last meeting to discuss the IAS working group and their goal for the year.
- It was reported that our enrollment numbers for the Fall have come in better than anticipated. A 12% drop was discussed, when actually, we are sitting at being down only around 6%.

- b. Committee Reports

1. Faculty Senate (Smolinski) – Provost Koker covered also covered updates on the Titans Return, the Senate also discussed SOS updates, Ethnic Studies definition drafted language, and noted the great efforts System President Thompson has been

demonstrating by advocating so well for the campuses.

2. Oshkosh Student Association (Boelher) – No Report
3. University Staff Senate (Bonack) – Enrollment numbers were shared, furlough status and implementation, and their elections were just completed. Lisa Goetsch will be serving as President again this year with the elected President leaving campus.
4. Access Campuses Report – Senators were encouraged to reach out to folks willing to serve.
  - a. Fox Cities (TBD) - No Report
  - b. Fond du Lac (TBD) - No Report
5. Academic Staff Professionals Rep Org (TBD) – No Report
6. UW System Academic Staff Reps (Koch) – COVID updates from each campus were reported out, TTC will begin its efforts again, and a report was given from System President Thompson encouraging members to be positive and do the best we can during this historical time.
7. AS Professional Development Fund (Marshall) – A few loose ends from last spring were taken care of, and we are awaiting funding for this year next.
8. Administration Liaison (Faymonville) – AVC Faymonville noted that President Christopher is doing a great job representing the Senate in several meeting, and in fact, both Senator Marine and Christopher were instrumental in getting graduate furloughs.

5. Action Items

- a. ASPRO Rep – Senator vacancy – Senator McArthur volunteered

**MOTION: Miller/Boehler moved to approve Senator McArthur to serve as the ASPRO representative. Passed**

**SAS 2021-01 The Senate of Academic Staff approved Erin McArthur to serve as the ASPRO representative.**

6. Information Items/Announcements

- a. For the good of the campus:
- b. Senate discussed hopeful and potential guests to attend a Senate meeting through the next year.
- c. IAS committee – Senator Marine reported that their committee will be meeting to review the report the Provost will be releasing soon.
- d. Senator Smith informed the Senate that the Veterans Office is working in collaboration with the Women’s Center to honor Women Veterans.
- e. Senator Walfish shared the upcoming Allen Priebe Gallery Please see the link: <https://www.facebook.com/Allen-Priebe-Gallery-153795351368544/?ref=bookmarks>
- f. Senator Johnson reported the employees Facebook page related to the System Task Force for Caregiving.
- g. Senator McDaniels encouraged everyone to check out the Virtual Study Abroad that will be held in October.

h. reminded everyone of the upcoming Career Fair.

7. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

April Dutscheck,  
Recorder