

SENATE OF ACADEMIC STAFF
Meeting Minutes
December 5, 2024
Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

Present: Biber, Boehler, Carriveau, Hart, Koch, Kopplin, Kuss, Lambie, Ludwig, McArthur, Schrader, Walfish, Zemke

Excused: Smolinski

Absent:

Administrative Representative: Josh Garrison

Guests: Rebecca Graetz, Liz Christopher, Sean O'meila, Elizabeth Bloedow, Kari Meszaros, Molly Henry, Cole Reinke, Benjamin Hallett, Kim Calmes, Sierra Skindzelewski

1. Call to Order – President Zemke called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.
2. Approval of the Minutes of November 14, 2024
Minutes stand approved as amended.
3. Reports
 - A. President's Report -
 1. The most recent VRIOP updates were shared.
 2. The Teaching Assistant Professor for Instructional Academic Staff discussions continue to be held. Andy Miller will be meeting with folks soon and efforts to be proactive will continue as we move into a new year.
 3. There will be a Chancellors Cabinet retreat in January that shared governance leaders are invited to attend.
 - B. Committee Reports
 1. Faculty Senate – Highlights included: No report.
 2. University Staff Senate (Carriveau) – Highlights included: No report.
 3. Fox Campus Report (Carriveau) – They continue to pack, clean, and prepare for the closure of their campus. Campus achievement awards were presented to well-deserved colleagues. Their campus was scheduled to have a Town Hall with the Chancellor, but it was canceled. They are hoping to get some answers from the Chancellor related to the future of current staff and if they will have positions on the Oshkosh campus after their closure. They hosted a thanksgiving celebration, are looking forward to a holiday potluck, and recently held a memorial service for a student that passed away.
 4. Oshkosh Student Government – They are working on their Student Bill of Rights relationship agreement with the UW. Their leadership summit was held for their leaders and advisors where they worked on ways to leverage change and have feedback with a voice.
 5. UWS Academic Staff Reps (Zemke) – Main topics at their recent meeting included: the Copyright Policy and budget proposal discussions. They meet again the end of January.
 6. AS Professional Development Fund – (Andy Miller) – With a balance still at just over 9,000, they continue to encourage colleagues to apply. He noted that it's a pleasure to have the committee work with those that apply and may need help with the process.
 7. Leadership Council – Highlights included: No report.
 8. Administration Liaison (Garrison) – AVC Garrison – He offered to help review policies related to the Teaching Assistant Professor. Changes would need to go to System Legal and he would be happy to assist in the process.
4. Action Items –

A. Strategic Planning & Budget Committee [SPBD] Committee Information Form/Committee Formation.

Senate discussion included: The request of the Faculty Senate to move forward with the combination of these two committees for institutional benefits of oversight, concerns with some of the Strategic Planning Committee members noting that the committee work load for each committee is already heavy, and conversations held with Faculty Senate President Manning related to the reason for faculty to have longer terms than the rest of the committee members.

Senate discussed that they were happy to have three seats for both instructional and professional academic staff and academic staff, and that two-year terms seemed like a good length. After further discussion, they decided on at-least two-year terms.

Senate asked for a few contingencies: Rational for the 6-year term for faculty, defined term length for the university staff, and the addition of at-least two-year terms for all the academic staff seats.

MOTION: Walfish/Lambie moved to approve the SP/BD Committee Information Form (with contingencies). (13 YES). Passed Unanimously

SAS 2425-07 The Senate of Academic Staff approved the SPBD Committee Information Form/Committee Formation (with contingencies).

5. Discussion Items –

A. Search & Screen Updates

1. Both AVC positions in Provost Office: The searches are wrapping up and they anticipate announcing results before commencement.
2. Chancellor position: The search and screen committee is just getting started. They had their charge meeting with System President Rothman on Monday and shared a timeline. Listening sessions, applications deadlines, campus visits for finalists, and the make-up of the committee were all discussed.

6. Information Items/Announcements

A. For the good of the campus –

1. Senator Walfish encouraged everyone to attend upcoming Art and Ceramic sales, she also shared upcoming Art Exhibitions, especially one that honors Dr. Gail Panske in her upcoming retirement.

7. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
April Dutschek,
Recorder