

**SENATE OF ACADEMIC STAFF**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
October 5, 2023  
Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

**Present:** Boehler, Biwer, Carriveau, DeJager, Heller, Hoffman, Kuss, Lenski, Miller, Palmer, Schrader, Stevens, Walfish

**Excused:** Christopher, Lambie, McArthur, Zemke

**Absent:** Flieller, Lewis

**Administrative Representative:** Josh Garrison

**Guests:** Amber Evans, Tyler Klaver, Kelly Johnson, Jeri Kukurich, Bobbi-Jean Ludwig, Carmen Hetzel, Jordan Johnson, Abby Sylvia, Kari Meszaros, Kim Harrington, Laura Smolinski, Lisa Szromba, Lori Kroening, Maylean Tryon, Rebecca Smith, Tammy Brunette, Lisa Lewis

1. Call to Order – President Boehler called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.
2. Guest: Amber Evans, Associate Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management & Marketing  
AVC Evans shared her portfolio which included a wide range of expertise. She then covered her task she was given to stabilize, shape, and grow. Our efforts to attract students, recover lost market share, and efforts to be more competitive were discussed.  
President Boehler expressed his gratitude to AVC Evans for taking time to join us today.
3. Approval of the Minutes of September 21, 2023  
**Minutes stand approved as amended.**
4. Reports
  - a. President's Report -
    1. President Boehler shared the updates on 'unicorns and rainbows', also known as budgetary updates, layoff plans, and academic realignment plan committee work.
    2. Shared governance leaders meeting felt like a rubber stamp and hopes for more collegial efforts moving forward.
  - b. Committee Reports
    1. Faculty Senate (Stevens) – Highlights included: AVC Evans as their guest with a similar welcome, system wide concerns for the CAAP Program and Dual Enrollment.
    2. Oshkosh Student Government – (Palmer) – Highlights included: Their new Senate name now being Government instead of Association. They hosted a Town Hall for students on issues of identity and how they are recognized.
    3. University Staff Senate (Stevens) – Highlights included: No report
    4. Access Campuses Report:
      - a. Fox Cities (Carriveau/Hoffman) – Highlights included: The Provost attended their last Collegium to discuss the academic planning process. Workshops; upcoming layoffs; impacts across the university; requesting information on how decisions are being made; and their huge concerns for IAS contract renewal for the spring semester.
      - b. Fond du Lac – (DeJager/Flieller) – Highlights included: No report yet from their Collegium. The Steering Committee has met to discuss the layoff document and provide feedback.
    5. UWS Academic Staff Reps (Zemke) – Highlights included: No report
    6. AS Professional Development Fund (Miller) – A reminder to encourage colleagues to apply as there is still approximately \$8,000 left. Senator Miller shared that he welcomes any questions.
    7. Leadership Council - (Carriveau) – Highlights included: Updates from System as President Rothman was on campus. Rebranding that was initiated by System will be

coming out in the spring semester. Discussion included inquiries on budgets and hopeful raises.

8. Administration Liaison (Garrison) – AVC Garrison shared how he was impacted and so grateful for the feedback he received at the first meeting for his new role. He answered a few questions from Senators and reminded everyone that he is here not only share updates but provide information as requested.

5. Action Items – None

6. Discussion Items –

- a. Senate Response: Statement of Expectations from Faculty Senate –  
Senate discussion included: The statement from the faculty senate was very faculty centric; benefits of referencing System; potential additional feedback from colleagues; noting the expectations for shared governance; specific request for expectation of Senate moving forward with the new academic plan; and a request for a specific list of things we will stop doing, and a plan moving forward.
- b. The 'Walk out' hosted by from Union seemed to be more of a march than a walk out. The speeches focused mostly on academic experiences.

7. Information Items/Announcements

- a. For the good of the campus
- b. Items from members
  - i. Senator Walfish shared about upcoming events at the gallery and welcomed everyone to attend.
  - ii. Senator Stevens informed the Senate of a upcoming Palooza event that will be held at the Culver Welcome Center.
  - iii. President Boehler expressed his gratitude for being associated with such carrying, upbeat colleagues here on Senate, that really care about the success of students. Seeing a focus that is greater than oneself makes him proud to be associated with everyone.
- c. Guest – Oct 19<sup>th</sup> – Provost Martini
- d. Guest – Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> – Chancellor Leavitt

8. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

April Dutschek, Recorder