

SENATE OF ACADEMIC STAFF

Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2022

Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

Present: Brazee, Boehler, Carriveau, Christopher, DeJager, Hinrichs, Lambie, McArthur, McDaniels Meyer, Miller, Palmer, Smolinski, Spanbauer, Stuedemann, Walfish

Excused: Heller, Hoffman

Absent: None

Administrative Representative: Carmen Faymonville

Guests: Seon Yoon Chung, Chancellor Leavitt, Mina Kuss, Jennifer Christus, Elizabeth Hartman, Sean O'Melia

1. Call to Order – President Carriveau called the meeting to order at 3:01p.m.
2. Guest: CON Dean – Dean Chung began with how nice it was to meet everyone, and thanked Senator Smolinski for representing the College of Nursing on this Senate, as well as everyone else who is serving in Shared Governance. After being here nearly six months, she is enjoying meeting colleagues and looks forward to meeting so many more. Dean Chung shared her background, passions, and that she is a great proponent of collaboration and cross part work. She reminded everyone to feel free to contact her for any reason as she is willing to work with the Senate if needed. President Carriveau thanked Dean Chung for attending, and for sharing her openness to partnership.
3. Guest: Chancellor Leavitt – Strategic Plan – Chancellor shared that the plan as a whole is very well written, noting he is both pleased and proud of it. It has been a very long but productive process that was spearheaded with leadership by both Dr. Chad Cotti to begin with and then by Dr. Jennifer Christus. The goals are ambitious but attainable and the formation of a Strategic Plan Implementation committee will be formed to work with administration and assure that the goals are being worked toward. Dr. Christus also took the chance to thank everyone that worked on all stages of the plan, the feedback, engagement, and efforts were very appreciated. Senator Boehler thanked both the Chancellor and Dr. Christus for their tireless work on the Plan and for the chance he had to serve on the working committee that helped with the creation of the Strategic Plan.

Senate agreed to move up the action item to be considered for a vote here:

MOTION: Boehler/Christopher moved to rearrange the agenda to bring this action item to the top. (13 Yes) (0 No) (0 Abstentions) Passed

MOTION: Christopher/Miller moved to approve the endorsement of the Strategic Plan. (14 Yes) (0 No) (0 Abstentions) Passed

SAS 2223-08 The Senate of Academic approved the endorsement of the Strategic Plan.

Chancellor thanked the Senate, President Carriveau for her leadership, Dr. Hartman for all her work, and Dr. Christus for her profound leadership along with all the work of their team.

4. Approval of the Minutes of November 17, 2022
Minutes stand approved as distributed
5. Reports
 - a. President's Report -

1. The executive committee created a list of guests they hope are able to attend full Senate meetings this spring, it begins the new COB Dean and AVC and Dean of Students. If anyone has any other suggestions please contact her.

b. Committee Reports

1. Faculty Senate (Spanbauer) – Highlights included: The Strategic Plan presented from the Chancellor and endorsement by their Senate; a presentation from the Navigate Team, and their Senate is discussing a policy for Substantive Interaction, a policy for Credit and Contact Hours, and also one that is an academic policy change request to allow graduate courses to meet general baccalaureate requirements in Kinesiology.
2. Oshkosh Student Association – (Stuedemann) – Highlights included: Athletic updates shared by Daryl Simms that include upcoming video boards and scoreboards. The Food Pantry has had great success, and OSA is requesting a student representative for the Provost Search.
3. University Staff Senate (McArthur) – Highlights included: No report
4. Access Campuses Report -
 - a. Fox Cities (Carriveau) – They hosted a Chancellor’s Town Hall last week that was held soon after the news of the upcoming closure of the UW Richland campus. The discussion with the Chancellor was positive as they expressed their concerns. They were reminded of the upcoming HLC visit as well as the Strategic Plan endorsement request.
 - b. Fond du Lac – They also hosted a Chancellor’s Town Hall recently, at which ways to increase enrollment were discussed in addition to the HLC and Strategic Plan updates.
5. UWS Academic Staff Reps (Lambie) – Senator Lambie shared the most updated version electronically the System Strategic Plan with Senators. The Board of Regents meeting is tomorrow and agenda items include: Pay progression guidance and discussion of non-pay perks. The Board of Regents meet this week and will be discussing surplus and other plans with the budget, and discussion of a possible policy on system-wide tuition reimbursement.
6. AS Professional Development Fund (Miller) – Please contact Senator Miller with any questions. As long as funding is available, the committee will continue to review applications. It is key to share with colleagues that this is a great opportunity. The new guidelines can now be found online, be sure to check them out.
7. Leadership Council/Chancellor’s Administrative Staff - (Rotating Senators) – No report
8. Administration Liaison (Faymonville) – The search for the next Registrar and the Provost Search are both getting under way. Please feel free to reach out to her for any questions at all.

6. Action Item –

- a. Endorsement of the Strategic Plan

Item approve and voted on after item 3 of the agenda.

7. Discussion Items – None

8. Information Items/Announcements

- a. For the good of the campus
- b. 1/19 – Meeting will be As Needed
- c. Senator Lambie asked that we encourage any students who are graduating to take the first destination survey. We have 60% completion already and are shooting for 80%.
- d. Senator Christopher noted to remind any university staff colleagues to use their floating holidays before the end the year, because you loose them if you don’t use them.

- e. Senator Walfish reminded everyone of the upcoming ceramic sale tomorrow, and the last Senior Show that is spotlighting two BFA seniors.
- f. President Carriveau encouraged Senators to attend graduation, not only is nice to have them see us support the, it is fun to see them reach this key milestone in life.

9. Adjourn

President Carriveau thanked everyone for all they do, and wished them a good end of the semester and break!

Meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

April Dutscheck,
Recorder