

SENATE OF ACADEMIC STAFF
Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2023
Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

Present: Brazee, Boehler, Carriveau, Christopher, Christiansen, DeJager, Heller, Hoffman, Kuss, Lambie, McArthur, McDaniels, Miller, Palmer, Smolinski, Stuedemann, Walfish

Excused: Meyer

Absent: None

Administrative Representative: Carmen Faymonville

Guests: Jasmine Buxton, Sean O'melia

1. Call to Order – President Carriveau called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.
2. Guest: Assistant Chancellor for Intercollegiate Athletics - Darryl Sims – unable to attend.
3. Guest: AVC for Student Affairs & Dean of Students, Jasmine Buxton – AVC Buxton thanked Senate for having her and shared her background, goals for her new role, and plans to reframe and redefine their office and area. The focus needs to stay on our students, clarity to them on what is offered, and all the ways we serve them.
Senators addressed the following topics after sharing their appreciation for her joining today: They expressed interest in having her attend staff meetings in their areas, asked her to share what the biggest issues are that she will be addressing, inquired about overcoming challenges, and ways that students have difficulty interfacing with the Dean of Student's Office while also increasing virtual options.
4. Approval of the Minutes of February 23, 2023
Minutes stand approved distributed.
5. Reports
 - a. President's Report -
 1. Their Academic Success Kickoff event was held yesterday and was well attended.
 2. Reminder that the HLC visit is next week, and everyone was encouraged to attend the drop-in sessions.
 3. Shared Governance meeting – Their main discussion item was UWO+ and a lot of related topics: Admission, degrees, marketing, course delivery methods, and advising challenges. President Carriveau will share more updates when they are available.
 - b. Committee Reports
 1. Faculty Senate (Smolinski) – Highlights included: AVC Buxton was their guest as well for a welcome and introduction; Provost shared the current discussions being held on Direct Admissions and the collaborations with local school districts for each UW System campus; OSA updates; the proposed increase to tuition; they approved a set of bylaws, curriculum items, and a joint statement from the USFO and Faculty Senate in support of retention and first year students.
 2. Leadership Council – (Smolinski) – System updates on tuition were shared; Chancellor has been advocating for campus needs in Madison; Provost search updates were shared; Athletics updates; and a discussion on UWO+.
 3. Oshkosh Student Association – (Stuedemann) – Highlights included: Elections were finished last night and will be announced once finalized; Provost shared university and finance updates; HLC meeting attendance was encouraged; and they hosted a debate prior to their elections.
 4. University Staff Senate (McArthur) – Highlights included: No Report
 5. Access Campuses Report -

- a. Fox Cities (Carriveau) – Their Collegium meeting will be tomorrow, and Strategic Planning will be their main discussion.
- b. Fond du Lac – (DeJager) – Their Collegium will be meetings soon as well, and reports will be shared at the next meeting.
- 6. UWS Academic Staff Reps (Lambie) – Highlights included: Nothing to report, they meet next on April 7th.
- 7. AS Professional Development Fund (Miller) – The funds will be allocated again on July 1st, but colleagues are welcome to apply ahead of time.
- 8. Leadership Council/Chancellor's Administrative Staff - (Rotating Senators) – Senator Smolinski shared updates in her previous reports.
- 9. Administration Liaison (Faymonville) – No Report

6. Action Item –

- A. Elections Committee - Miller, Smolinski, & Boehler

**MOTION: Christopher/Heller moved to approve the following Senators to the Elections Committee: Miller, Smolinski, & Boehler. (13 Yes), (0 No), (1 Abstentions).
Passed**

SAS 2223-12 The Senate of Academic Staff approved the following Senators to the Elections Committee: Miller, Smolinski, & Boehler.

7. Discussion Items

- a. Welcome Senator Kuss - Senator Kuss shared her gratitude for being part of Senate; her previous work; and recent service on the Strategic Planning committee over the past few years, which helped her understand Shared Governance more; and she noted that she is looking forward to working on Senate.
- b. Joint Statement from USFO and Faculty Senate. Senate discussion included: That the purpose of the statement in general to support concerns of IAS teaching load is well accepted; concerns with not asking the Senate of Academic Staff to help draft or share input; credits and equality to workload; and if Senate should act on this or draft their own response. Senate chose to draft their own statement.

8. Information Items/Announcements

- a. Elections report – Senators were encouraged to nominate or self-nominate when the call for nominations comes out soon.
- b. For the good of the campus
- c. HLC Campus Visit is March 13 & 14 – Please attend as many meetings as possible.
- d. 3/9 Guest: Martin Rudd
- e. Senator Lambie reported that the Career Fair is coming soon, please encourage students to attend, they are very pleased with the numbers of vendors and the doors these open for students.

9. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 3:49 p.m.

April Dutschek,
Recorder