

## SENATE OF ACADEMIC STAFF

### Meeting Minutes

September 22, 2022

Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

**Present:** Brazee, Boehler, Carriveau, Christopher, Heller, Hinrichs, Hoffman, McArthur, Miller, Palmer, Smolinski, Spanbauer, Stuedemann, Walfish

**Excused:** Lambie, McDaniels

**Absent:** None

**Administrative Representative:** Carmen Faymonville

**Guests:** Sean O'melia, Mina Kuss, Kim Harrington, David Wahn, Julie Meyer, Lori Welch

1. Call to Order – President Carriveau called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.
2. Welcome again to our newly appointed Senators: **Alicia Stuedemann & Brett Hoffman**. Also including Presidential appointments since the elections: **Brad Spanbauer & Leslie Walfish**
3. Sustainability Update – Brad Spanbauer  
Brad covered the progress made over the summer in the development of both a Climate Action and a Resiliency Plan. A PowerPoint describing a climate action roadmap, energy and sustainability growth, energy usage across campuses, ways to reduce our carbon footprint, our budgetary perspective, and goals for our campuses was shared. Questions and discussion were then held on the response or feedback being asked of shared governance and ways we could help with renewable energy.
4. Approval of the Minutes of May 12, 2022  
**The May 12, 2022 minutes stand approved as distributed.**
5. Reports
  - a. President's Report –
    1. Summer updates included: Meeting both the VP and President of System. VP Rothman came to campus and shared how he hopes to help System get out of the way more and be more supportive in a meaningful way; The executive committee spent a lot of time supporting the University Staff Senate in relation to the potential outsourcing of custodial jobs. Supportive efforts were important to be sure we treat our employees well; Enrollment is significantly lower than projected and we are working on goals for improvement and better retention; Current Search updates: AVC for Graduate Studies have 3 finalists coming to campus soon, COB Deans Search is under way and hope to have finalists by the end of October, Dean of Students and Registrar searches are in their early stages yet.
  - b. Committee Reports
    1. Faculty Senate (Spanbauer) – Senator Spanbauer shared Sustainability updates; Provost shared enrollment updates including DFW data, and more retention efforts needed; they discussed the system wide free speech survey and concerns they had with the methodology of it and its content.
    2. OSA – Highlights included: No Report
    3. University Staff Senate (Smolinski) – They had their first meeting yesterday, Senator Spanbauer also shared the Sustainability update with them; they discussed the outsourcing topic; and they are also holding their Senate meetings virtually this year.
    4. Access Campuses Report -
      - a. Fox Cities (Carriveau) –They held their first curriculum last week: Their campus student governance president noted that their mission this year is to create a more engaged student body, and that's great news! They are looking to host their scholar series program again and find better ways to engage the local community.

- b. Fond du Lac – No Report
- 5. UWS Academic Staff Reps (Lambie) – Sent electronically: Today Senator Lambie is at UW System Shared Governance orientation meeting, then the System Representatives meeting on Friday. There is a meeting with President Rothman next Monday. Reports will be shared at the next Senate meeting.
- 6. AS Professional Development Fund (Miller) – Their committee met over the summer several times. They are updating the application document and Rich Marshall, Past-Chair, has graciously agreed to help review and give input. The committee now has a email alias that will be used instead of switching it for each chair: aspdf@uwosh.edu.
- 7. Leadership Council/Chancellor’s Administrative Staff - (Rotating Senators) – No Report
- 8. Administration Liaison (Faymonville) – AVC Faymonville encourages Senators to attend search and screen candidate presentation when they can, it’s important for shared governance to stay part of the process. The Assistant Teaching Professor Designation document/language is currently waiting of HR to input some mapping criteria, and communication was just recommended between Deans and IAS. It Discussion included: Standardization and levels of the title used by other campuses.

6. Action Items –

- a. IAS Open Seat and a PAS on Senate and both FDL seats
- b. OSA Senate Representative Vacancy - Senator Studenmann volunteered
- c. Contingent approvals by the executive committee over the summer
  - 1. COB Deans Search: Morris Hampton & Tera Larson
  - 2. Dean of Students Search: Lisa Szromba

**MOTION: Christopher/Spanbauer moved to approve the contingent summer approvals by their executive committee. 9 YES. Passed unanimously**

**SAS 2223-01 The Senate of Academic approved the following contingent summer approvals by their executive committee: COB Deans Search - Morris Hampton & Tera Larson; Dean of Students Search – Lisa Szromba.**

7. Discussion Items - None

8. Information Items/Announcements

- a. Welcome back!
- b. For the good of the campus:
  - 1. Senator Boehler noted how excited he is to see his students so incredibly engaged this year, it not nice to hear student conversing, back in person, and involved. President Carriveau also noted that the attendance and energy is awesome and so great to have back.
  - 2. Senator Walfish encouraged everyone to come visit the two current exhibitions, they are welcome to stop by anytime!
  - 3. President Carriveau thanked everyone for being awesome and part of Senate this year, we appreciate everyone’s hard work and all efforts to keep everything from not being awesome!

9. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

April Dutschek, Recorder