

SENATE OF ACADEMIC STAFF
Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2025
Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

Present: Biber, Boehler, Davis-Foust, Ebertz, Eichner, Gresley, Jacobson, Hodgen, Koch, Kopplin, Krawczyk, Lambie, Ludwig, Petr

Excused: Smolinski

Absent:

Administrative Representative: Josh Garrison

Guests: Chancellor Singh, Darryl Sims, Alex Hummel, Provost Martini, Ayrton Munig, Caitlin Moran, Michael Brunn, Erica Spicer, Sarah Oconnell, Holly Shea, Lisa Crawford, Casey Birschbach, Jamie Page-Stadler, Elizabeth Bloedow, Kim Brundidge, Sierra Skindzelewski, George Paul, Pang Her, Lynn Kleman, Molly Henry, Heather Veese, Kari Meszaros, Polly Lamers, Angela Zemke, Liz Christopher, Tom Leininger

1. Call to Order – The meeting began at 3:32 p.m.
2. Guest: Chancellor Singh
 - Updates related to Strategic Planning: Timeframe working back from everything in place by next fall (including Board of Regents approval in June), upcoming launch event on the 27th from 4:30-6 pm; committee makeup,
 - Key tasks done within his first 100+ days on the job
 - Shared his appreciation with staff for sustaining the work here at UWO during the recent hard times
 - Financial deep dive request that has been made, to be as transparent as possible
 - Anticipation for Homecoming and all the events that come with that. He was happy to share that his wife will also be joining him from Connecticut for all the homecoming events and is sharing her chicken recipe with hopes to have it at the tailgating event
 - He thanked Senate for having him today!
3. Approval of the Minutes of October 2, 2025
Minutes stand approved as distributed.
4. Awards & Recognitions – This is the opportunity for folks to share news on awards, and recognitions for all our colleagues.
 - President Lambie thanked staff in new student and family office. Their work does not go unnoticed!
 - Happy National Bosses Day! Thanks to all the great bosses
 - The staff in Reeve were given a shout out for all their work in preparation for To Reeve homecoming week so far
5. State of the University
 - A. President's Report
 1. Chancellor One-one-One meeting & Cabinet updates included: The System mandate on accessibility and related management of course content, websites, and upcoming related training. Those updates were in addition to the updates we just received from the Chancellor.
 2. Encouragement to participate in upcoming Strategic Planning stages, everyone's input and feedback is valued and will impact how this is formed over the course of the next year.

B. Committee Reports

1. Faculty Senate – (Boehler) - Highlights included: They held a lengthy discussion on workload and heard that the above ground steam pipes are now expected to be completed by the end of summer of 2026. It was announced that several trees will have to come down during that project, but the Chancellor committed to planting as many as are taken down.
2. University Staff Senate (Smolinski) – Highlights included: Updates were shared electronically since she couldn't be here today. Chancellor shared similar updates related to Strategic Planning, being prudent fiscally, enrollment numbers, workday concerns, and an upcoming Trellis survey that will be going to students to understand basic needs.
3. Oshkosh Student Government – (TBD) – No report
4. UWS Academic Staff Reps (Krawczyk) – No report, she is looking forward to heading to Madison again next week.
5. AS Professional Development Fund – (Andy Miller) – They still have just still 9,000, keep promoting and encouraging staff to utilize it.
6. Administration Liaison (Garrison) – Nearly all the updates were already shared; he did remind everyone though, to keep an eye out on the ACT 15 updates as they are shared out.

6. Action Items –

- A. Academic Staff Professional Development Guidelines & Funding Form

MOTION: Krawczyk/Koch moved to approve the ASPD Guidelines and Funding Form. (11 YES), (0 No), (0 Abstention). Passed

SAS 2526-01 The Senate of Academic Staff approved the updated Academic Staff Professional Development Guidelines & Funding Form

7. Discussion Items –

- A. Athletics Out of Class Notification Policy – Darryl Sims – Darryl shared that the form will now be routed through his office instead of the Provost Office. He then shared that this is to make the process easier as he works with coaches to share this with professors.
- He then shared athletic updates on sports, related to staff and team successes and records, and reminded everyone of the importance of Team Fellows. Teams Fellows (staff/faculty) serve as mentor for each sport and are critical to student success on and off the court/field, etc. He also encouraged everyone to attend Homecoming activities.

8. Information Items/Announcements

- A. IT and Classroom Computer Resource Plan – Liz Christopher shared The purpose of the plan that is driven by funding. The plan share details on classroom computer needs and turnover rates. Key replacements that need to take place, and she welcomes any feedback through the middle of November.
- B. For the good of the campus
1. Strategic Planning Launch on October 27th, 4:30-6 pm
 2. Provost Open Night, following the Strategic Planning Launch – watch for details.

9. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
April Dutscheck, Recorder