

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2016 at 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. RSC 142

Senators Present: Amy Barfield, Michelle Barger, Belinda Bishop, Lisa Fitzsimmons, Tracee Friess, Lisa Hansen, Eric Maki, Laura Manning, Cheryl Miller, Becky North, Mark Porcaro, Sheryl Propst, Lyston Skerritt,

Ex-Officio Members Present: Frankie Kirkendoll

Guests: Micah Thompson, Kevin Crabtree

**I. Call to order RSC 142
9:03 AM**

II. Approval Minutes
a. January 19, 2015 Senate meeting minutes
Lyston – 1st
Sheryl – 2nd

III. President Bardo Meeting Report

- **Weapons/Safety on Campus** – Our report was that we understand as a senate that this is a law and we have are looking from the prospective of how we make our campus work with the law as it goes forward. He was appreciative of the stance we are taking and encouraged us to keep moving forward in appropriate channels. There is a committee on campus (Crisis Management) to decide on how to implement new law on campus. No additional information is available at this time, but someone from UP will be asked to serve on committee.
- **WATC** – Moving to step 2 discussions at this point. Starting to have more direct discussion with departments that will be directly affected by merger.
- **Football** – President wanted us to know it is not a for sure decision at this point. Discussions are just starting. There are 3 options: 1) Yes – we have football and we would be in the FBS, 2) Yes – we have football and we would be in FCS, 3) We will not have a football program at WSU.

IV. New/Old Business

- a. **Attendance at Senate Meetings and vacancies**
- Decision made to not appoint to replace Tonya's position within Senate. Research group is hardest group to find someone to represent. Vacancy will be filled by election.
 - There has been issue with senator who has only attended 1 of the meetings we have had since their appointment. Question has been raised if we would move to vote him off of the senate for non-attendance (2/3 vote is required for removal). It was discussed and determined that Mark would move forward to contact senator of situation and give him the option to withdraw or we will move forward with vote. With elections coming up, Mark will contact him this week and if needed, we will have electronic vote to determine if we will remove and replace him in current elections.
- b. **Weapons Safety – updates**
- No specific updates or information provided by any other UP on campus regarding this issue.
 - Within Crisis Management group, Brett is serving in IT capacity and Stacy Salters will be elected as USS representative. They are tasked with implementing law, not changing or appealing law. General consensus from legislative update was this type of law has been in place in many states, some as long as 20 years with now change or negative impact. With that in mind, there is not a high likelihood that legislature will change.
 - Student survey was interesting in response that they do wish to have faculty/staff that have weapons on campus, but not necessarily carry themselves.



c. **(ADDITION) USS/UP Transition – updates**

- **Question:** If changes are requested now, will those changes be made now or in June?
Answer: In normal circumstances it would be June, there are special changes being made currently.
- **Update from USS** - There is still confusion on retirement options as well as vacation/sick time. Suggestion to provide more information

d. **(ADDITION) Legislative Update**

- Bill proposed looking at having UPD monitor this area of Wichita, outside of just campus. This does not look as though this will move forward or pass. We as a campus community want to keep UPD strictly to our campus to solidify campus safety.
- Bill proposing WSU/WATC Merger – including continued funding for technical education so there is no additional cost for this merger to happen. This is moving forward, believes it is the ways and means subcommittee at this time.
- Gun law – proposition was to move implementation to July of 2016, which was not approved and everything for this law is moving at normal pace at this time.
- KPERS discussion was to delay payments into KPERS at this time and when the payments would be made it would be paid back at an 8% interest rate when the time comes.
- Tuition cap was also discussed. Formula was proposed (inflation + 2%), WSU had slightly different proposal but nothing was specifically discussed or decided.

e. **Motion to approve General Meeting Minutes:**

Cheryl – 1st

Michelle – 2nd

V. **Reports from Committee Chairs**

- a. Service – Michelle Barger, Tracee Friess, Lyston Skerritt
 - No update at this time – will look at opportunities that may be coming up to partner with efforts of Student Involvement
- b. Professional Development – Becky North, Matt Forney, Sheryl Propst, Amy Barfield, Michael Yeung
 - Survey has been tested and will be sent out to UP and USS.
 - Two USS senators have added to committee: Johnny Buchanan-Spachek & Crystal Dilbeck
- c. Awards/Recognition – Becky Hundley and Amy Barfield
 - Awards have been selected and process will be moving forward.
- d. Grievance – Frankie Kirkendoll
 - No update
- e. Election – Lisa Hansen / Sheryl Propst
 - Call for Nominations – March 7-18
 - Nominee Accept/Decline – March 21-31
 - Elections – April 4-15
- f. UPS Website – Kevin Crabtree
 - No update
- g. RSC Board of Directors – Lyston Skerritt
 - They are currently looking at food vendor possibilities – starting discussions
- h. Traffic Appeals – Eric Maki and Sheelu Surender
 - No January meeting
 - February – 2 written appeals (both upheld) / 5 in person (4 reversed, 1 upheld)
 - Complaints about parking in Orange lots
 - Information because confusion of when “term” and ticketing starts- suggestion to have actual dates instead of term language
- i. Unclassified Professional Staff Council – Brett Morrill
 - No update (Brett not at meeting)
- j. Library Appeals – Belinda Bishop



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- No update
- k. University Traffic Police Advisory Committee – Michelle Barger, Laura Manning, and Lisa Hansen
 - No update
- l. Communications Committee – Tracee Friess, Cheryl Miller
 - No update, but would like to do an awareness push before we do the call for nominations.

VI. As May Arise

Sustainability Group Update

- Met with USS and Student Senate. Consensus was concern regarding that pick up was not happening anywhere other than 1st floor of buildings.
- Pick up was not happening for Sodexo, happening now and compactor has been donated.
- WSU “Green Group” is going through an evolution – looking at bringing back Earth Day celebration and Green Office initiative.
- Sodexo has done food recovery program around 58 lbs one day and 38 lbs another provided to Union Rescue. Piloting this year to see how many pounds they can do each week. A lot of the food waste is not actually at Shocker Hall, most is in Catering. Biggest obstacle is to have staffing covered when large catering events take place to get items organized. May be looking at UP or other volunteers to help with this coverage.

SGA Food Pantry

- Each week on Thursdays they can do a soft request of items
- SGA comes and puts together bags
- Friday students can come, scan their Shocker ID and pick up bag

VII. Announcements

a. Next Meeting:

- Senate Meeting: Tuesday Mar. 15, 2016, 9:00-11:00 a.m. RSC 142 (Harvest) – Spring Break

VIII. Adjourn

Lyston – 1st

Cheryl – 2nd