

UP Senate Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 27, 2018, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. RSC Room 262

In Attendance: Camille Childers, Julie Scott, Ellen Abbey, Lydia Santiago, Krysti Carlson-Goering, Jeanne Patton, Heather Perkins, Deb Wagner-Kirmer, Brad Thomison, Susan Norton, Rebecca Reiling, Sally Fiscus, Jeswin J Chankaramangalam, Shawn Ehrstein, Darin Kater, Aswini Kona Ravi, Lainie Mazzullo, Kayla Jasso

Ex-Officio present: David Moses (General Counsel)

Guest Attendance: Betty Smith Campbell, (Faculty Senate Pres.), Matt Houston (USS Vice Pres.)

- I. Call to Order
- II. Guest Speaker: John Jones, Director, Media Resources Center
 - a. Topic: Accessibility
 - NFB (National Federation for the Blind) Agreement impacts all WSU content.
 - The requirements in the agreement are based on federal law.
 - Web and other digital content is a particular concern, but the agreement is not limited to it.
 - Accessibility is everyone's job on campus.
 - Allow time for difficult accommodations.
 - Harassment on the basis of disability is never acceptable.
 - First Amendment rights are protected.
 - b. Making accommodations:
 - Instructors receive assistance from:
 - The Office of Disability Services
 - Instructional Design and Access
 - Other offices and services might be able to help:
 - TRIO Disability Support services
 - Vocational Rehabilitation Services
 - KDADS
 - Envision
 - Independent Living Resource Center
 - c. What the University is doing to help:
 - Online and face-to-face training opportunities
 - ITS MS Office Training
 - Blackboard ally
 - Disability Services
 - MRC team consulting
 - d. How do I report a problem?
 - Wichita.edu/accessibility – Simple form at the bottom of the page.
 - Also on those pages: More details about accessibility
 - Redacted version of WSU's Agreement with the NFB

III. Announcements and proposals

- Discussion on updating Consensual Relations policy. Feedback from senators requested by tomorrow (11/28/18).

IV. Unified Employment discussion on formation of joint USS and UP task force.

- Need volunteers to be a part of this task force with both USS and UP representation. Task force is to create document on pros & cons with input from all sides. Rational/reasons, differences, impact. Not endorsement but information. Consider options or recommendations for all areas – notice of appointment, provisional/probationary period, not for cause separation, notice period and transitional pay period. Meet at least once in December and in spring semester. Goal is to have an open forum sometime in March 2019 for USS and UP constituent feedback.
- UP senators who volunteered for task force: Jeanne Patton, Shawn Ehrstein, Brad Thomison, Ellen Abbey, Rebecca Reiling
- Camille will email Michael Turenne about setting up first meeting this month.

V. Diversity & Community Engagement Division – Change related to Lydia Santiago moving to another division. Lydia ends her term in June 2019. New senator will be elected.

VI. USS and UP General meeting – 3 – 5 p.m. Dec. 5th HH 208 – Dr. Rick Muma, Sheryl Propst, Dr. John Tomblin scheduled to speak.

VII. Committees Updates and Discussions – Summary of any committee meeting or updates since last Senate meeting.

- Updates from PET meeting – Veterans Graduation ceremony/recognition will be held at 6 p.m. December 7, 2018 in RSC 132.
- Shared Governance discussion groups – sign up in “myTraining” for December sessions. Discussion will focus on how we all can make an impact through shared governance. How do we identify shared governance, how we participate in shared governance, who you think makes decisions, who is consulted and who must approve decisions that are made. Consider the vision of what shared governance could be at the university.
- Budget meetings to start in January.
- Strategic Planning – no updates at this time
- Awards – Kayla Jasso requested a list of Dept. heads to send email too, will be advertising for nominations
- Communications committee – Julie Scott – no updates at this time
- Elections – Krysti Carlson-Goering – will start looking at this in the spring.
- Library Appeals – Rebecca Reiling - meeting today.
- RSC Board of Directors – Ellen Abbey – new chillers being installed over Christmas break, Mega Bytes in EEB is now self-service. RSC sales up 50%. Shocker store grand opening went well. Expanding ODI into 207 RSC and the new main entrance will be 207.
- Traffic – Jeswin Chankaramangalam and Ellen Abbey successfully transitioned into an online system.

- Parking – Ellen Abbey – numerous amount of appeals every day. Parking lot closing notices not going out on a regular basis. Feedback stating they would like a text the day before and the day of a home basketball game.
- UPS council meetings – Julie Scott – meeting at KBOR on December 12th. Some of the regent schools have combined USS and UP senates but not everyone.
- USS updates – Michael Turenne/Matt Houston – no updates
- AOC meeting UP representative – Sally Fiscus – Discussions on Accessibility and McConnell programs that offer 7 different degrees at Military rate.

Motion to adjourn