

# UP and USS Joint Senate Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 16, 2019, 9-11 a.m. RSC Room 266

**In Attendance (UP Senators):** Camille Childers, Julie Scott, Trish Gandu, Krysti Carlson-Goering, Heather Perkins, Susan Norton, Rebecca Reiling, Aswini Kona Ravi, Kayla Jasso, Alison Babb, Brad Thomison, Jeanne Patton, Ellen Abbey, Jeswin Joseph

**Ex-Officio:** Russell Wilkins (ICAA)

**In Attendance (USS Senators):** Matt Houston, Randy Sessions, Lisa Wood, Sheryl McKelvey, Rosemary Hedrick, Linda Hayes, Linda Hayes, Jill Johnson, Hercilia Thompson, Linda Claypool

Had USS members and At-Large members leave the room to vote for “at-large” senators for UP.

Call to Order

- I. Announcements or proposals - None
- II. Old and New Business
  - Policy Status from HR
  - Unified Employment Task Force
    - Discussion was held on proposed plan for notification from university for “Not for Cause” departure and severance package. Camille and Matt will set a time to meet with Judy Espinoza and will get back to the Senates as to which way we as Senates should move forward on the proposed plan to unify both UP and USS employees.
  - Follow-up on Open Forum discussion
    - All comments have been added to the website
    - Push a link to the “listserv” so that all UP/USS staff receives the information.
    - UP/USS can now provide feedback through the website
    - Communicate better as to what it means to combine the UP/USS Senate.
    - Suggestion was made to only hold a vote for the USS employees, if they do not want it then the senates would stay separate.
    - Suggestion was also made that the questions posted from the Open Forum have the answers posted to the website.
    - Another suggestion was to stay as separate senates but have combined meetings, with separate meetings being held if needed for particular items.
    - If vote is to move forward would like to have it finished no later than June 5, 2019.
- III. Committee Updates and Discussions – Summary of any committee meeting or updates since last Senate meeting.
  - Awards
    - Kayla Jasso (UP): Awards have been added to the website and will be presented on May 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - Communications

- Julie Scott (UP): Would like to make sure that all new hires are receiving the communications from the senate. Senators love the new format of the informational emails they can send to constituents.
- Elections
  - Krysti Carlson-Goering (UP): Elections are done with new senators notified. ‘At-Large’ Senators were announced as follows: Lisa Clancy and Tyler Gegen (both from Academic Affairs), Heather Perkins (RTT), and Alison Babb (Student Affairs).
- Library Appeals
  - Rebecca Reiling – no updates
- RSC Board of Directors
  - Matt Houston: Shocker Store’s eBook program is looking at moving from an opt-in system for students who want to use eBooks. More professors are participating in the eBooks program, which saves students more money than buying traditional textbooks.
- Traffic
  - Ellen Abbey: no updates
- Parking
  - Lisa Wood: Would like to communicate better with students as to where they can park – green or green/yellow striped. Students are thinking that the green/yellow striped means they can park in the green, yellow or green/yellow striped areas where the yellow marked areas are not allowable to students. Would also like to have more information available to the students as to what an official university holiday is. Maybe suggest changing the green/yellow striped parking to blue as to avoid any mix up and unwanted tickets.
- Professional Development Committee
  - Jama Challans: No updates.
- UPS Council Meeting
  - Julie Scott (UP): Talked about survey, overall percentage responded from WSU 43.8, KU did not participate.
  - Committee is still compiling data and it will be submitted to the President’s of each university that participated.
- USS Updates
  - Matt Houston (USS): No updates since last time, survey only thing in the works.
- AOC Meeting UP Representative
  - Sally Fiscus: No updates.
- Service
  - Aswini Kona Ravi (UP): no updates
- Updates from campus meetings: (Camille)
  - PET meeting and other meetings – Last PET meeting on March 25. Discussed ongoing legislative issues related to state budget. New SGA officers elected. Veterans Center focusing on building awareness, watch for events. Faculty Senate working on policies. HR starting new leader orientation sessions soon,

which will run quarterly. Planning for Celebration of life events for Dr. Bardo. Strategic Planning is having Town Hall update on May 2, 2019.

IV. Upcoming Events

- Shocker Pride Celebration – 9-10:30 am on Thurs. May 9 in Beggs Ballroom.
- Joint UP and USS Senate Spring General Meeting 3:00 – 4:30 PM May 14, 2019, HH 208, Speaker suggestion – Dr. Andy Tompkins, Interim President and Zach Gerhart.
- Next UP Senate meeting 9-11 AM June 18 RSC 266 Pike room

Meeting adjourned.