University Staff Senate

January 18, 2022 | 3:30pm-5:00pm | Zoom

1. **Call to Order + Wins, News, Shoutouts  
     
   Attendance:** Gabriel Fonseca, Ali Levine, Amy Belden, Angela Aubrey, Brian Austin, Carrie Henderson, Denise Gimlin, Ellen Abbey, Erin Shields, Gretchen Holthaus, Jason Bosch, Jessica Pierpoint, Jessica Walles, Jeswin Chankaramangalam, Johnetta Buchanan-Spachek, Katie Austin, Kayla Jasso, Kendra Nguyen, Kennedy Rogers, Krissy Archambeau, Marissa Kouns, Matt Houston, Naquela Pack, Quang Nguyen, Rachel Tuck, Randy Sessions, Sara Rue, Teresa Moore, Trish Gandu  
   **Guests**: AKA Upsilon, Marsha Compton, Lisa Clancy, Kelly Gurik, Teneisha, Andrew, David Miller, Maggie Slack, Francine Angell, Lauren Wilson, Rebecca Reiling, Joseph Dempewolf
2. **Discussion**
   1. KBOR Survey
      1. Employees will receive a survey invitation in April from the Docking Institute to document employee morale and satisfaction. This is voluntary and confidential.
   2. COVID Updates
      1. MDL is staying busy with sample collection.
      2. All faculty/staff/students can go to Student Health Services to get tested if needed.
      3. Interim Provost Lefever sent information out via email. This is posted in WSU Today for your review.
   3. Staff Senate moving forward
      1. Meetings will be held monthly on the third Tuesday of every month. VP Kayla Jasso will send updated calendar information.
   4. New Police Chief
      1. Congratulations Chief Guy Schroeder!!!!
3. **Shared Governance Activities**
   1. University Space Utilization Committee
      1. No Updates at this time
   2. Integrated Planning Committee
      1. No Updates at this time
   3. Executive Director OIEC Search Committee
      1. Position was delayed in posting. Timeline has moved back and is posted live currently.
   4. EVP and Provost Search Committee
      1. No updates at this time
4. **Senate Committee Updates**
   1. Communications and Website
      1. Please take a look at your updated constituent list. It should be updated as of Jan. 8. If you see something strange, please let Ali know.
   2. Awards and Recognition
      1. Keep an eye out for an email regarding the Presidents Distinguished Awards. The turnout has been slight, so please encourage your constituents to nominate their colleagues. These nominations are due by Jan. 28th.
   3. Professional Development and Service
      1. Shocker Career Closet is full! Our plan for a clothing drive is currently TBD awaiting news on upcoming space. Other events are still happening as planned.
   4. Elections
      1. Starting in February, we will begin Elections! Stay tuned!!
   5. Policy Review
      1. Committee has reviewed and updated policies to reflect updated KBOR changes, but nothing new to bring to the floor.
   6. Ad-Hoc Committee on Annual Evaluations
      1. Discussions are continuing. Please email Marissa Kouns with any suggestions/feedback as the committee continues to discuss. A floor-wide discussion will take place later this semester.
   7. Executive
      1. No updates at this time
5. **Campus/University Business Updates & Discussions**
   1. Academic Operations Council
      1. No updates at this time
   2. Budget Advisory Committee, Legislative Update & Presidents Meeting
      1. Enrollment numbers were discussed. Numbers are looking good and are up!
      2. There is a lot of excitement for the Academic Health Science Center Project Partnership between KU and WSU.
      3. The Foundation reported being up $38 million!
      4. ROTC will be graduating 13 students and will be commissioning 13 this Spring.
      5. Call Campaign for 779 students not enrolled for Spring 22. A breakdown of the results are below:
         1. 56% were planning to enroll
         2. 21% were taking a break
         3. 23% were not returning due to various reasons including: mental health, needing a break, financial reasons, job or internship reason, or classes needed to graduate were full.
      6. Legislative season has begun. Proposed budget recommendations from Governor Kelly were discussed. This document is attached. This proposal comes with a tuition freeze.
      7. Please email questions, feedback, or concerns to Gabriel to share back with this group.
   3. Human Resources
      1. Please review the attached email highlighting recently asked questions, updates, and answers.
      2. Questions related to flexible work arrangements. Please visit <https://www.wichita.edu/services/humanresources/Business_Partners/Resources/Flexible_Work_Arrangements.php> for more information related to Flexible Work Arrangements.
      3. Please reach out to Gabriel with any questions or concerns.
   4. Parking Appeals + Traffic Appeals
      1. No Updates at this time
   5. RSC Board of Directors
      1. Provided an update on 1st quarter funding: YTD it was down from prior year and revenue generating fees are down about 25%.
      2. They did agree to lease the space where Commerce Bank was. Commerce Bank left in November. The ATM will remain through next year. Campus Credit Union will take that space over.
   6. UPS/USS President’s Council (KBOR)
      1. Discussion related to funds for professional development opportunities and support to senate. Various ranges include supplies, endowments, speaker honorariums, etc. Confusion related to how funds are provided and from where.
      2. Staff Senate Leadership Retreat – KU, maybe a senate leadership book club or development opportunity.
6. **Adjourn/Upcoming Meetings and Events**
   1. Next Meeting: February 15th