Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at 9:00 – LAS Boardroom (LH 200)


Absent: Frankie Brown (ex-officio), Sally Fiscus, Alicia Newell.

Guests: Eric Sexton – Athletic Director, Lyston Skerritt – Student Involvement Office, Paul Dotson – Police Chief.

I. Call to order at 9:01

II. Guest speakers
   A. Eric Sexton
      1. overview of shocker athletics
      2. updated athletic strategic plan and core values - still internal
      3. ipads have been provided to all student athletes due to private donation
      4. 2.5 – 3 million paid annually in tuition costs - operating budget of 14-15 million
      5. 30% of budget comes from campus support (salaries, etc.)
      6. lot behind Duerksen - lot closed at 4pm on game days, but can be ticketed after 5pm
   B. Lyston Skerritt - student involvement office
      1. campus read initiative - asking the question 'what is campus life missing?'
      2. working with OFFSS on a campus initiative where all 1st year freshmen read the same book and have common experiences across the curriculum.
      3. how can we increase critical thinking?
      4. These books address themes.
      5. Possible campus read initiatives books for fall 2013 - commit to this book for 2 years
         a) Levitt, S. D. & Dubner, S. J. Freakonomics: A rogue economist explores the hidden side of everything.
         b) Skloot, R. The Immortal life of Henrietta Lacks.
      6. looking for increased communication through this initiative -2013 is the pilot year.
      7. Lyston requested to return at a later date to update UPS on the initiative

III. Approval of January 15, 2013 Minutes (Mark /John). Approved by all

IV. Constituents Heads Meeting Report - cancelled in February

V. President Bardo Meeting Report
   A. Dr. Bardo asked this group to discuss the current conceal and carry bill in the legislature. Our statement is noted below.
   B. Dr. Bardo will be updating policies. He is currently researching what is mandated by the state versus what is internal policy.
VI. New/Old Business
   A. Discussion of conceal carry on campus – Chief Paul Dotson was present as a resource
      1. SGA - statement is not in support. Pittsburg State student government is not in support.
      2. UPS statement on conceal and carry on WSU properties:
         a) “the Unclassified Professional Senate objects in the strongest possible terms to the possibility of conceal and carry on WSU campuses and properties.” (Susan/Gina). [vote: 14 for, 2 opposed]
      3. Connie will forward the statement to Dr. Bardo and Andy
   B. Discussion of request from SGA regarding smoking ban on campus
      1. SGA is discussing a full ban of smoking on the campus. SGA feels that the current policy is hard to enforce. SGA feels a possible compromise would be to ban smoking to parking lots.
      2. UPS statement on smoking ban on WSU properties:
         a) “The Unclassified Professional Senate supports the SGA’s proposal for a complete ban of smoking on WSU properties” (Bill/April). [vote: 14 for, 2 opposed, 1 abstain]
      3. Connie will forward the statement to Dr. Bardo and SGA.
   C. Spring General Meeting – Finalize Agenda
      1. health quest update can be done electronically – remove from agenda
      2. Connie will contact Dr. Bardo for his availability to speak
   D. VP Academic Affairs Search Committee - Gina & Connie
      1. will have online feedback survey available.
   E. Facilities Committee Report – tabled
   F. Strategic Plan Steering Committee Report - tabled
   G. Tuition Assistance Policies – tabled

VII. Reports from Committee Chairs
   A. Service – Alicia Newell
   B. Professional Development – Becky North
   C. Awards/Recognition – Gina Crabtree
      1. nominations due this week.
   D. Legislative – Susan Norton (attending legislative updates with Andy Schlapp)
   E. Grievance – Frankie Brown/Cheryl Miller
   F. Election – April Keim
   G. Dining Services – Sheelu Surender
   H. UPS Website – Kevin Crabtree
   I. RSC Board of Directors – Lana Anthis
   J. Wellness – Taylor Esposito
   K. Traffic Appeals – Brett Morrill
   L. Unclassified Professional Staff Council update – Kim Sandlin
   M. Library Appeals – Susan Norton

VIII. As May Arise

IX. Announcements

X. Adjourn at 10:49 am.

   Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 12, 2013, 2013, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m., LAS Boardroom

Submitted by Susan Norton