Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, Mar. 15, 2016 at 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. RSC 142

Senators Present: Michelle Barger, Belinda Bishop, Lisa Fitzsimmons, Lisa Hansen, Becky Hundley, Laura Manning, Cheryl Miller, Becky North, Mark Porcaro, Sheryl Propst, Lyston Skerritt, Sheelu Surender, Michael Yeung

Ex-Officio Members Present: Frankie Kirkendoll, Brett Morrill

Guests: Stacy Salters

I. Call to order RSC 142
   9:02 am

II. Guests:
   a. SGA – SGA Food Pantry
      Not here – Spring Break®, hopefully will be here for April

III. Approval Minutes
   a. February 16, 2016 Senate meeting minutes
      i. Sheryl’s name spelled wrong – P instead of B in “in attendance”

Approval of Ammended Minutes
   1st – Becky Hundley
   2nd – Laura Manning

IV. President Bardo Meeting Report
   a. Discussion regarding Budget notifications – President was advised to use WSU Today to get across to everyone. Mark suggested for President to use system of notifying VP’s and having that information filter to budget review and budget officers. President is planning to draft address to this issue and explain process going forward. President also said that a plan has been identified and that it will go through the VP’s for approval. Likely will see budget cuts again in April because of tax revenues. Because of 27th pay period in previous calendar year (December) and that it is paid in this fiscal year. That 27th pay period is not being funded by the state for any state entity. Looking at all sources of revenue for these cuts (GU and RU) because likely the funds will not be returned in a future year. Cannot go beyond CPI for tuition increase, so that is what we would also have to deal with as well.

Stacy’s notes from her meeting – From her meeting with the President, she understood that the president will give everyone a ‘target’ for budget cuts and they will make adjustments as they see fit. Echoed that the 27th pay period not funded by the State and all state entities are charged with the funding themselves.

Items President wants us to be aware of at this time:
   ▪ Focus on legislature
      • KU situation (bond purchasing) has made legislation body angry.
      • Community Colleges are upset about WSU’s new Concurrent Enrollment process – saying that they are at a disadvantage with students in Sedgwick County. Community Colleges are also upset or concerned with the WATC merger.
   ▪ Preliminary report available in April, final report in May regarding Athletics.
      • If consultant suggests move of conferences, consultant will stay on to see move through, but nothing has been decided.
      • No decisions at this point about football.
V. Legislative Update Meeting Report
No significant update at this time. Meeting after budget announcement was canceled.

VI. New/Old Business
a. Weapons Safety – updates
   - Brett’s update - missed Crisis Management meeting – but can report that a lot of reading material has been passed down from KBOR and other sources for gathering information.
   - Stacy’s update – meeting was good, student representative is a Veteran and stated that group is very concerned and have a specific view point they want to make sure is stated. David Moses and Sarah Morris will be there for all meetings and will be very beneficial. Group will break up into smaller sub-committees and meet with small constituent groups that can be met with one on one. Other meetings will include open meeting/town hall opportunities. Information will be gathered at these meetings and a plan will be presented to KBOR by the end of fall 2016. If group wants to meet 1:1, please contact David Moses.

b. USS to UP Senate conversation – updates
   - Informational meetings are continuing. Good participation at these meetings so far.
   - Personalized retirement information has been sent out.

c. WATC Merger – NEW
   - Next step is to look at faculty changes – Mark and Becky will serve on committee for these changes.
   - Frankie has been meeting with HR team for them as well – there are some significant differences in benefits.

VII. Reports from Committee Chairs
a. Service – Michelle Barger, Tracee Friess, Lyston Skerritt
   No Updates
b. Professional Development – Becky North, Sheryl Propst, Amy Barfield, Michael Yeung
   Results in for survey that was sent out to all UP/USS employees. 12-page report passed out. Lots of great feedback received. Meeting on the 24th to review information and start to form a plan moving forward.
c. Awards/Recognition – Becky Hundley and Amy Barfield
   President approved nominees and have been sent to Mark. Announced in Shocker Pride event flyer. KMUW was going to send out information but have not heard anything. We will update process going forward for notification to UP Senate before announcement is made to campus. All UP senators are encouraged to attend.
d. Grievance – Frankie Kirkendoll
   No updates
e. Election – Lisa Hansen / Sheryl Propst
   Nominations are Open! 😊
   - 88 nominations / 5 open spots in Academic Affairs
   - 16 nominations / 2 open spots in Research and Technology Transfer
   - 16 nominations / 2 open spots in Student Affairs
   - No nominations / 1 open spot in President’s Office, General Counsel and Strategic Communication
f. UPS Website – Kevin Crabtree
   No updates – Mark is suggesting for Communications Committee to look at and review
g. RSC Board of Directors – Lyston Skerritt
   Student Gov’t has sent back student fees packet – not happy. Projection was that fees are down, which would include cutting student groups. Looking at possibly April for a finalized fee packet.
h. Traffic Appeals – Eric Maki and Sheelu Surender
   Sheelu has asked to be taken off committee b/c of time commitment. Question was raised if someone would like to step in. Becky Hundley will be added to this committee.
   - 3 Appeals – 1 upheld, 1 dropped and 1 absent
   - 4 Written Appeals – 3 upheld and 1 dropped
i. Unclassified Professional Staff Council – Brett Morrill
Told them we were looking forward to figuring out plan for weapons and implementing this plan. At that time, budget announcements were not made at that point, so nothing was mentioned regarding any cuts.

j. Library Appeals – Belinda Bishop
   No updates

k. University Traffic Police Advisory Committee – Michelle Barger, Laura Manning, and Lisa Hansen
   No updates

l. Communications Committee – Tracee Friess, Cheryl Miller
   No updates

VIII. As May Arise
   Stacy – During meeting with the President it was discussed because of budget cuts, salary increases not likely. We need to try and encourage and find ways to tie in incentives to show appreciation for faculty and staff that will cost the university little to no money. She would appreciate any suggestions from anyone for these events.

IX. Announcements
   a. Next Meeting:
      i. Spring General Meeting: Thursday Apr. 14, 3:00-5:00 p.m. TBD – who to invite?
         Suggestions - John Tomblin (Innovation Campus), Mary Herrin (Budget), Tony Vizzini (TBD). Mark will send out invites and notify by email of who will attend.
      ii. Senate Meeting: Tuesday Apr. 19, 2016, 9:00-11:00 a.m. RSC 142 (Harvest)

X. Adjourn
   10:06 am
   1st – Sheryl Propst
   2nd – Lyston Skerritt

Submitted by Lisa Hansen