University Staff Senate

October 5, 2021 | 3:30pm-5:00pm | RSC 142/Zoom

1. **Call to Order + Wins, News, Shoutouts**
   1. Attendance**:** Gabriel Fonseca, Kayla Jasso, Denise Gimlin, Kennedy Rogers, Angela Linder, Randy Sessions, Amy Belden, Aswini Kona Ravi, Rachel Tuck, Erin Shields, Jason Bosch, Katie Austin, Matt Houston, Carrie Henderson, Ali Levine, Marissa Kouns, Kendra Nguyen, Jessica Walles, Angela Aubrey, Gretchen Holthaus, Jessica Pierpoint, Lisa Wood, Quang Nguyen, Teresa Moore, Ellen Abbey,
2. **Shared Governance Activities**
   1. Re-Integration Meeting + COVID Operations Group
      1. WSU positive rates are declining
      2. ~5,000 reported fully vaccinated
      3. Offering Pfizer booster vaccine at the library downtown. The County’s page lists eligibility for these boosters. WSU will provide Pfizer boosters for those who meet the criteria
      4. Bidens Executive Order is still under review related to implementation.
      5. Plans for Spring: Students are reporting higher courses in person and faculty are still able to choose the method they feel is best.
   2. Parking and Transportation Advisory Board
      1. No updates at this time.
   3. President’s Inauguration Planning Committee
      1. No updates at this time. Plan to have an update at the next meeting.
   4. University Space Utilization Committee
      1. No updates at this time.
   5. Faculty/Staff Holiday Celebration Steering Committee
      1. The committee is solidifying details related to date, time, location, and activities. More information will be coming soon.
3. **Presentations**
   1. Dr. Kaye Monk-Morgan, Vice President of Strategic Engagement Planning
      1. Topic: University Village
         1. Dr. Kaye Monk-Morgan visited to discuss updates to University Village efforts. The PowerPoint that was shared along with more information and to participate in the input survey are located on website: <https://www.wichita.edu/administration/Strategic_Engagement_and_Planning/university_village.php>.
4. **Old Business**
   1. Annual Evaluations Updates
      1. Creating a small ad hoc working group to participate in the conversation and provide recommendations and feedback for HR. Hope to provide this information to HR before the Holiday Shut Down.
      2. Rachel volunteered to participate in this group.
5. **Discussion and New Business** 
   1. After Meeting Emails
      1. Moving to sending emails to once a month after the second meeting.
   2. Fall General Staff Meeting
      1. Light discussion around if there is a need for a meeting to occur. Consensus is that a fall meeting is not necessary if we will be hosting a November Townhall with the same information. Plan is to play it by ear and schedule one if a need arises while reaching out to various departments to acquire updates, if any, to warrant hosting one.
   3. Joint Meeting with Faculty Senate
      1. Meeting in two weeks to discuss if we will have this meeting and what it would cover. More information to follow.
   4. Shocker Employee and Dependent Scholarship
      1. Proposal to have Financial Aid to run a list of students (heard discussion that this should be awarded to an employee who is a student?) in need and award three book scholarships (~$470 roughly) and then close out the scholarship.
      2. Tabled for next meeting to discuss the awarding of this money and closing of this USS based scholarship.
6. **Campus/University Business Updates & Discussions**
   1. Human Resources
      1. Discussed pieces with the annual evaluation. More information to come.
      2. Conversations related to pay analysis are happening and will be updated as more information is provided.
   2. Legislative Update
      1. Most of this was focused on what the regents have sent forward related to contentious topics including critical race theory, vaccine mandates, re-districting, and budget items.
   3. Parking Appeals + Traffic Appeals
      1. Busy with appeals! Lot 29 is getting a lot of activity.
   4. Student Government Association
      1. No update at this time
   5. Faculty Senate
      1. No update at this time
7. **Adjourn/Upcoming Meetings and Events**