

University Support Staff Senate Meeting

April 8, 2015

Present – Sherry Alexander, Denecia Angleton, Connie Basquez, Johny Buchanan-Spacheck, Christina Clarkson, Shaleah Fields, Danielle Gabor, Renea Goforth, Christina Gregory, Matt Houston, Addie James, Ali Levine, Shirley Lewis, Angela Linder, Walter Mayne, Dale Mauser, Sheryl McKelvey, Robbie Norton, Stacy Salters, Randy Sessions, Micah Thompson, Connie Wells, & Carrie Wyatt

Excused absent – Matt Albers, Bryan Carter, Michael Hinkle, Shelly Kellogg, Amy McClintock & Michelle White

Unexcused absent – Brenda Achey, Angie Tucker & Jennifer Williams.

I. **Matt Conklin: SGA President, Non-Tobacco Update**

- Matt presented an update on the Tobacco Free resolution. Student government passed a resolution last fall. Faculty senate is currently considering a resolution. Unclassified professional senate passed a resolution a few years back supporting the policy. President Bardo has submitted a letter of support for the resolution. There is an increasing trend for university campuses to move tobacco free.
- The question of implementation was asked. The reply noted how other universities have done a soft implementation then later a hard implements. Some universities have published maps showing off campus areas where smoking is allowed for athletic events. In the end, this is entirely up to President Bardo. Currently, no plan is in place for the implementation.
- After much discussion, a vote was taken. 5 abstained (Addie James, Connie Basquez, Sheryl McKelvey, Micah Thompson & Christina Gregory), 1 opposed (Sherry Alexander), 17 approved. The motion was passed.

II. **Approve March Meeting Minutes**

- Renea Goforth made a motion to approve the minutes. Micah Thompson seconded the motion. Motion passes & minutes were approved.

III. **Legislative Updates**

- SB 161: passed in Senate; hearing in the House; reviewed after the break (04-29).
- HB 2095: Bonding KPERs passed.
- Tuition freeze. Student fees were not frozen. Every campus has questions about how this will affect us.

IV. **USSC Update**

- Spring meeting: Ali Levine is looking at scheduling it in either May or June.

V. **Budget**

- There will be some remaining funds. Please send any requests that you may have.

VI. **Summer Meetings: Senate Vote**

- Ali Levine asked the senators if they would like to continue the senate meetings over the summer to stay up to date regarding CBIZ & other issues outstanding. Sheryl McKelvey made a motion for year round meetings. Robbie Norton seconded the motion. Motion passed. Official change of leadership will be in July.

VII. Committee Reports

- **Alternative Service Committee** (Randy Sessions, Stacy Salters, Renea Goforth, Angie Linder, Brenda Achey) – met with Matthew Johnston regarding the grievance handbook. The UP senate has revised their procedures & it has been submitted to the president’s executive team for review. This could be a good model for updating our procedures. Also, HR has hired many consultants to review their processes. They may recommend changes. Therefore, it is the committee’s recommendation that this process be put on hold pending the outcome of the review of the UP senate’s revised procedures & the recommendations of the HR consultants.
- **Community Service** (Darryl Carrington, Renea Goforth, Connie Wells) – Renea Goforth recommends participating in WU’s Big Event II on May 2.
- **Constitution** (Renea Goforth, Stacy Salters, Randy Sessions) – The committee defined the length of service for an at-large senator as the length remaining for the original senators time in office. The committee recommends adding Treasurer as a position & Past-President. Due to the potential changes that may come from CBIZ, the committee recommends that further work on the constitution be put on hold.
- **Elections** (Ali Levine, Shelly Kellogg) – are open until April 17
- **Heskett Center Board** (Shirley Lewis) – no updates
- **Library Appeals** (Shelly Kellogg, Amy McClintock) – no updates
- **Newsletter** (Sheryl McKelvey, Robbie Norton) – the newsletter is now on the website.
- **RSC Board** (Mike Hinkle) – no updates
- **Shocker Pride** (Connie Wells, Robbie Norton) – completed for the year
- **Shocker Scholarship** (Connie Basquez, Johny Buchanan-Spachek, Carrie Wyatt) – would like to do a postcard for the scholarship
- **Social Media** (Connie Basquez, Johny Buchanan-Spachek, Carrie Wyatt) – LinkedIn, Facebook & twitter have been set up. 12 likes on Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/wichitastateussenate>. 5 connections on LinkedIn - <https://www.linkedin.com/pub/wichita-state-university-support-staff-senate/b5/242/87a>. 2 followers on Twitter - <https://twitter.com/WichitaStateUSS>. Would like to use the listserv to tell the USS about the new email (ussenate@wichita.edu) & social media options. This committee will be taking over the website for USS also.
- **Traffic Appeals** (Bryan Carter, Randy Sessions, Robbie Norton) – Robbie Norton indicated that all has been calm. There were only 4 appeals.
- **Tuition** (Connie Basquez, Bryan Carter, Matt Houston) – no update
- **Welcoming** (Angie Linder, Connie Wells, Micah Thompson) – Still working on the party. Committee would like to know what constituents would like to see on the portal.
- **Wellness** (Micah Thompson, Walter Mayne, Danielle Gabor) –

VIII. As May Arise

- Meeting was called to an early close due to a tornado warning.

Respectfully submitted,
Stacy Salters