

July 8, 2015

Present: Matt Albers, Sherry Alexander, Connie Basquez, Bryan Carter, Dustin Carter, Jama Challans, Lora Eckman, Shaleah Fields, Danielle Gabor, Christina Gregory, Ruth Harries, Michael Hinkle, Matt Houston, Addie James, Ali Levine, Shirley Lewis, Angela Linder, Dale Mauser, Walter Mayne, Sheryl McKelvey, Stacy Salters, Micah Thompson, William Wray & Carrie Wyatt

Excused: Denecia Angleton, Christy Clarkson, Linda Claypool, Michelle White

Unexcused: Adriana Emmot, Amy McClintock, Matthew Rose, Connie Wells

Guests: Johny Buchanan-Spachek

- I. Call to order/Welcome
- II. Introductions
- III. Discussion and approval of June meeting minutes. Correction- change Ruth "Harris" to "Harries". *Motion to approve:* Mike Hinkle. *Seconded:* Sheryl McKelvey and Dustin Carter. *Motion approved.*
- IV. Old business
 - a) **Leave Bill**- KBOR passed- this gives university presidents, instead of the Kansas legislature, the power to change their institutional leave policies. Now presidents need to decide how/when to implement at their respective universities. They will discuss this more at their next COP's meeting.
 - b) **Council of Presidents (COPs)**- next meeting is in Aug. or Sept. Couple of university presidents questioned USSC presence at those meetings. Bardo supported our attendance to present USS issues/concerns.
 - c) **Meeting with President Bardo** –

Previous meeting: budget freeze and furloughs are still a concern of staff. Discussed leave bill and COPs.

Next meeting: Stacy will meet with him in a couple of weeks. *Topics to discuss:*

 - Budget-USS Senate will need more funds for travel/other expenses if we are to continue our participation in COPs, etc. Bardo supports our participation and Senate reps expressed that it's a good idea to continue. Stacy will discuss with Frankie Kirkendoll in HR (our budget review officer) to prep for Bardo meeting.
 - Leave and raise updates.
 - Ask him to attend our welcome meeting in Oct.; provide funds for food, etc.
 - Talk to him about getting Physical Plant location better wi-fi access/capability.
 - Please send any other comments to Stacy by next week.
 - d) **Chief Information Officer (CIO) Search Committee** – Tony Flack was hired as new CIO for WSU. Contact Renea Goforth for further info. USS got into this search late, the senate got involved in the CIO search because a senator knew about the search, noticed that we weren't involved in it & suggested that we should be involved. Please let Stacy know of other WSU committees where you think USS Senate should send a rep.

- e) **USS Council (USSC)** – Marcia Tacha (Ft. Hays State) is the new USSC statewide representative taking over as host. Ali Levine (WSU) was last year’s rep.
- f) **CBiz** – Frankie Kirkendoll in HR has reported that CBiz returned some information to them at the end of June. HR is working on it and we should have an update soon.
- g) **Performance Evaluations**- on hold until CBiz info is compiled.
- h) **Heartwalk** – Christina Gregory and Johny Buchanan-Spachek attended. Rained, but successful event. American Heart Association of Wichita raised \$99.2k total. WSU was the top fundraising company with more than 250 employees.
- i) **University Budget** – cap on tuition & fees - 2% raise unknown –
 - *The legislature put a cap on tuition increases and the Board of Regents put a cap on fee increases, so that has made the budget very tight at this point. There will not be a raise at the start the fiscal year and the President will evaluate things in the next few months. As soon as we know more, we will be sure to let everyone know.*
 - All Regent institution presidents/chancellor donated their own bonuses back to their respective universities.
- j) **Welcoming Meeting in October** – Oct. 14th at 3:30pm. RSC 258, Smoky Hills Room.
 - Please attend and wear your WSU nametag if you have one.
 - Will have a directory of senators and their constituents, meet and greet, photo opportunity, committee signup sheets, HR presentation, scholarship signup/ fundraising, etc.
 - Social media committee- bring laptop to show everyone our website, accounts, etc.
 - Ask Bardo to attend and speak.

V. New business

- a) **Zip Car**- www.zipcar.com Mostly student oriented, alternative public transportation option.
 - Different fee schedules, popular one is a monthly fee of \$7 and \$8-10 hr. to schedule/rent. Visit their website for details.
 - Stacy will attend a presentation on Monday- Senate presidents and WSU budget staff involved. The company is looking to contract with WSU.
 - She will report back at next meeting: What is benefit to WSU? Will ask about disabled traveler options. Send her other questions you might have before then.
- b) **Constitution** – please review on website. Need new committee members to update it this year.
- c) **Expectations** – of senators: represent/communicate with constituents, bring concerns to senate, attend monthly meetings, be involved with committees, 3 unexcused absences (if a senator is going to be absent, per the constitution, they need to contact the secretary or president) can result in replacement on senate.
- d) **Combining committees**
 - Newsletter & Social Media Committees => Communications
 - Motion to approve: Christina Gregory. Seconded: Mike Hinkle. Motion approved.
 - Community Service & Wellness (Campus Recreation) committees => Health & Service? Revise our committee lists- combine/remove as some of these are actually reps to university

committees, and don't really require a committee on our senate. Further discussion later when we are deciding our reps for this year.

- e) **VP act as treasurer for USS budget & present monthly report-** Micah, as our new VP, is our new "treasurer". There is not a separate position at this time under our constitution.
- f) **Attendance** – excused is defined as contacting the sect. or pres. before the meeting to let them know about their absence. Unexcused is no contact regarding their absence.
- g) **Social Media Workshop** –
 - Gathered some good best practice information. Marketing our scholarship, fundraising and sharing USS/WSU news. Will start posting info on a more regular basis.
 - We now have: Twitter, 55 followers; Facebook, 17 likes (most recent post reached 89); LinkedIn, 69 connections.
 - Great news, Daryl Carrington, previous USS senator, was in the news recently; he is association president of the Fairmount neighborhood that WSU has received a \$250k grant for community service upgrades. Watch our social media for that story.

**** At this time, the LAS Dean's office closed and asked us table further discussion. ****

- h) Constituent list
- i) New Employee Orientation & letter
- j) Committee sign-up

VI. Committee Reports

- a) Alternative Service Committee
- b) Community Service
- c) Constitution
- d) Elections
- e) Heskett Center Board
- f) Library Appeals
- g) Newsletter
- h) RSC Board
- i) Shocker Pride
- j) Shocker Scholarship
- k) Social Media Committee
- l) Traffic Appeals
- m) Tuition
- n) Welcoming
- o) Wellness

VII. Other business

Motion to adjourn - Mike Hinkle. Seconded: Stacy Salters. Motion carried. **Adjourned: 4:40p**