



Full Senate Meeting
September 12, 2012
1:15 p.m.
Wyoming Union Senate Chambers

Minutes

Meeting was called to order @ 1:20 by President Marks.

I. Roll call

Present: Aimee Appelhans, Laura Barton, Beverly Bell, Brian Beman, Leo Clymer, Mark Davidson, Lori Dockter, Niki Fifield, Mannie Gallegos, Leland Gaulke, Tonya Gerharter, Trish Hysong, Jim Logue, Ben Marks, Aneesa McDonald, Meghan Monahan, Farrell Rapp, Tod Scott, Maureen Walker, Rod Whitney, Kathi Zubrod

Absent: Steve Kiggins, Heather Patterson

Excused: Tim Crawford, Michelle Lorenz

Proxy: Warren Cracker for Mark Gunnerson
Erin Essary for Cherie Kelley

II. Approve August minutes

Additions/Corrections. Minutes stand approved as circulated.

Approve September agenda

Addition of Fundraising to new business, Senator Appelhans moved and Senator McDonald seconded. Motion passed.

III. Administration reports

a. Vice President of Administration Representative- Janet Lowe

a. Greater Western Library Alliance (GWLA) Collections increased and budgets increased.

b. Safety updates

c. 3 construction projects for approval- Acquisition of 3 federal buildings at state vet lab no cost to UW, Half Acre recreation, Architectural and engineering for Bio-Science bldg.

d. General fund appropriation and student fees will take care of cost.

e. Question regarding Smoking ban on campus.

f. President Buchanan will retire a year from now; Board of Trustees will begin the search process. VP of Administration will be postponed until the new President is in place.

g. Staffing plans are due to the president's office by this Friday, Oct. 3, will be the 1st for filling the vacant staff seats.

h. Will raise the awareness of lack of senators with the remaining VP's.

b. Interim Human Resources Director, Richard DelaCastro

a. Quite a few vacancies at this time. Held position is what it is called if the position goes unfilled for a significant period of time.

b. Retirement system-For Employees hired before Sept. 1, no changes. For all TIAA-CREFF no changes. For all WRS there are a few changes. Salary will be for the

last 5 yrs instead of last 3. Retirement to 65 instead of 60, Early Retirement to 55 instead of 50.

- c. Health insurance-EGI is making a proposal of 5% reduction in cost of premium, has NOT gone to legislature yet. Last year of premium reduction is 2013.
- d. When will the legislature vote? Sometime this fall.
- e. 5% will be in EMPLOYEE premiums'.

IV. Officer Reports

a. President Marks

- a. 2 budget items- Capital was for the Engineering bldg & Supplemental for Compensation.
- b. Committees on Staff Senate- Chair's we need to get chairs for Committee's. Importance it to give direction and to corral the direction of the committee. What are they working on; Goals from the committee.
- c. Resolution for support for Spousal benefits for spouses of Board Eligible retiree's who pass away before Retiring.
- d. Auditors on campus, Monday through 1st week in October. Sullivan Plaza dedication is Oct. 6th.
- e. Employee handbook revisions potentially coming to Staff Senate soon. Mostly legal changes.

b. Vice President Appelhans

- a. Emails for Brown Bags with the president and at this time we have not heard back. Questions for President Buchanan, please email to VP Appelhans.
- b. Cleanup for Highway on a Friday Afternoon from 3-5. October 5th.
- c. Homecoming- Email VP Appelhans to ride, decorate etc.

V. Old Business

i. Student Media Board representative

- 1. Austin Rumsey-Motion to Confirm, Senator Appelhans, Seconded Senator McDonald. Motion passed.

VI. New Business

a. Confirm – Lee Kempert, Seat #22, Physical Plant

- i. Senator McDonald moved to confirm Lee Kempert to Seat 22, Senator Gallegos seconded. Motion passed.

b. Fundraising- VP Appelhans

- i. Silent Auction- will be our fundraising project for this year.

VII. Liaison Reports

a. ASUW Rep – Senator Kelley

- a. Officially transferred, emails will all go to Senator Kelley. +/- grading is going to the board.

b. Faculty Senate Chair – Michael Barker

- a. Board Retirement for spousal support for insurance benefits for spouses who pass away before retiring, who are eligible for Board retirement. Sick leave conversion.

VIII. Committee Reports

a. Communications Committee – Please consider stepping into Chair.

- Meeting – 9/21 9-10 in the Skylight Lounge
- No report.

b. Compensation Committee – Senator Logue

- Looking at peer institutions. Bereavement policy, Vehicle policy, successful completion of probationary period. How many and what kind of budget impacts. Will get access for committee members.
- c. Credentials and Elections Committee –
 - Aneesa will work on scheduling meeting to “elect” chair.
- d. Finance Committee – Senator Clymer
 - Last committee meeting cancelled.
- e. Recognition Committee – Senator Gaulke
 - Meeting – 9/20 9-10 Wyoming Union, Room 202
 - No report

IX. Open forum

Meeting adjourned @ 3:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Dockter
Staff Senate Secretary

A large, light gray watermark logo for the UW Staff Senate is centered on the page. It features the letters 'UW' in a large, serif font, with 'STAFF SENATE' written in a smaller, outlined, sans-serif font below it. The words 'PRIDE • PROFESSIONALISM • UNITY • INTEGRITY' are arranged in a circular arc around the 'UW' letters.

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