University of Wyoming Staff Senate Staff Senate Meeting October 4, 2023

Coe 506, Zoom 1:15 pm

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- I) Call to Order 1:15pm
- II) Roll Call 1:20pm
- III) Approval of September Meeting Minutes approved at 1:26pm
- IV) Approval of October Agenda approved at 1:26pm
- V) Confirmations: No Confirmations
- VI) Administration Reports
  - a. President's Office President Siedel
    - i. Appreciating the dedicated staff at University of Wyoming.
    - ii. We build student success at UW (University of Wyoming) (University of Wyoming) but how does that impact the staff?
    - iii. Still working on a staff leadership institute. That will enhance the staff's skill sets and professional attributes.
    - iv. Committed to working on improved educational opportunities for staff.
    - v. There will be a staff town hall on the  $18^{th}$  of October 2:30pm 3:30pm.
    - vi. Budget priorities: staff salaries are at the forefront of priorities again for the third year in a row.
      - 1. Making case to the governor next Thursday October 12<sup>th</sup>.
      - 2. The second priority is a mental health initiative and how the university can expand its mental health capacities.
      - 3. AI (Artificial Intelligence) Initiative, funding for new faculty. Want students to have access to education on AI.
      - 4. Working on a new computing system.
    - vii. There will be a historian of science coming on October 20<sup>th</sup> at 3pm in the Classroom Building room 129, lecture about how Einstein made a great prediction but then 20 years later thought he made a mistake. The lecture will cover academic theory in process and the impacts of it.
  - b. Ombudsperson Nellie Haddad
    - i. Suggested some training for supervisors on the benefits of tuition waivers for staff, making sure they are consistent about staff having access to 1 class up to 6 credits per semester.
    - ii. There is a new website available as of now, search for Ombuds on Wyoweb. Nellie's contact information is there.
    - iii. She is working on a conflict management workshop that will start in spring semester.
    - iv. Contact her with ideas regarding types of conflict and conflict management.
    - v. Putting together a conflict management group this month to gain broader perspectives.
    - vi. New office, located at 241 Knight Hall.
    - vii. Can meet with anyone affiliated with the university.
  - c. Academic Affairs
    - i. 213 processes = elimination process of degree programs.
    - ii. At the November BOT meeting they will discuss what degree programs to put through the 213 processes. These are programs with graduates.
    - iii. Updated BOT on next gen general education, recommending that Saddle Up be part of the first you foundation course, a digital literacy course.
    - iv. Hoping to have a final Dean search for the College of Law, the current Dean will be retiring in Spring 2024. They are hoping to bring candidates to Campus in November.
    - v. Administrative Academic calendar has many administrative dates accessible and is up to date through June 2024.
  - d. Office of Research and Economic Development Carrier Hesco
    - i. Received 70% compliance with the conflict-of-interest training disclosures.

- e. Division of Budget and Finance NA
- f. Human Resources VP Bob Link
  - i. Deloitte Study Update
  - ii. Open enrollment will begin November 1st.
  - iii. Health plan deductible is going up.
  - iv. Short- and long-term disability carrier is changing to Afleck.
  - v. Pet insurance is coming.
  - vi. Life insurance is not changing.
  - vii. Wellness screenings are October 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> 7am till 10am.
  - viii. The benefits fair will be on November 2<sup>nd</sup> 9am 3pm.
  - ix. If someone tests positive for COVID they should follow CDC guidelines, remote work if possible.
    - 1. Currently we do not have the COVID leave policy.
    - 2. There is a remote work policy, but for short-term remote work, such as if you are sick, it is determined between manager and employee.
- g. Division of Operations VP Bill Mai
- h. Government Affairs VP Smith
  - i. Heading into budget season, making recommendations to governor who then will bring plans forward to WY legislator.
- i. Student Affairs AVP Nicole Courtney
  - i. Been busy with Saddle Up, currently collecting feedback.
    - 1. Seems to have a higher retention rate than last year with students who participated in Saddle Up.
  - ii. SSITT Committee Student Success Institutional Transformation Task Force.
  - iii. Have a walk-in clinic for student health, students do not need an appointment for. Have flu shot clinics.
  - iv. The "Get Yourself Tested" STI clinic is on October 25th.
  - v. Reminder that we have Mental Health First Aid courses.
  - vi. DSS (Disability Support Services) is getting an electronic overhaul system called AIM.
  - vii. Service-Learning Opportunity is coming on October 16<sup>th</sup>.
  - viii. Transfer Week is October 15th & 20th will get people into the student success hub.
  - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion NA
- VII) Old Business
  - a. Legislation
- VIII) New Business
  - a. Staff Senate Representative Scope
  - b. Need to reorganize to comply with staff representation of Classified Staff, Administrative Staff, and Contracted Staff.
  - c. There are two options presented
    - i. Option 1: one large pool of 40 total senate seats.
    - ii. Option 2: there is a total of 40 senate seats and the number of seats is distributed proportionally by the population of each group. In this case there would be 29 for classified staff seats, 8 for administrative staff seats, and 3 contracted staff seats.
    - iii. Voted with present members of senate and these were the results:
      - 1. Option 2 had the majority with 12 votes.
      - 2. Option 1 had 4 votes.
      - 3. There were 8 Abstains.
  - d. As a senate we need to vote on which of these options to adopt.
  - e. It would be implemented starting July 2024.
- IX) Executive Reports
  - a. President
  - b. Vice President
  - c. Treasurer
  - d. Director of Outreach and Engagement update Sala Bogg
    - i. Giving Day is coming up October 25<sup>th</sup> at 12pm October 26<sup>th</sup> at 12pm.
    - ii. The campaign idea is "The Difference a Buck Makes." If everyone donates \$1 that can help a lot.

## X) Liaison Reports

- a. ASUW (Associated Students of the University of Wyoming) (Associated Students of the University of Wyoming)
- b. Faculty Senate Bob Sprague,
  - Speaker series on November 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:10pm in the Union family room.
- c. Advisory Council on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (Senator Teng)
- d. Athletics Planning Committee (Senator Teng)
- e. Classification/Compensation (President Nichols)
- f. Enterprise Risk Management Advisory Committee (Senator Wheeler)
- g. Food Security Taskforce (Senator Monahan)
- h. No More Committee (vacant)
- i. Green Dot Committee (Senator Hand)
- j. Public Art Committee (Senator Grosinger)
- k. HCM Improvement Review Committee (Secretary Monahan)
- 1. Freedom of Expression Working Group (Senator Hand)
- m. External Relation Connections & Communications Working Group (Senator Tai Baker)
- n. Parking Committee (Senator Van Cleave)
  - i. They did not meet in September. The next meeting will be held on October 13<sup>th</sup> at 10am.

## XI) Committee Reports

- a. Governance Committee Senator Hand
- b. Recognition Committee Senator Moede
- c. Staff Relations Committee Senator Czech
  - i. Looking into the cost of Handicap parking.
  - ii. Also looking at discounted memberships for Half Acre.
- XII) Public Comment
- XIII) Adjournment 3:54pm
- XIV) Public Forum

Submitted,

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