

UNIVERSITY STAFF COMMITTEE - MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 9, 2023 / 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

GALBRAITH ROOM & TEAMS

Members Present: Sherry Craig, Lisa Crumble, Alex Gray, Jean Hrpcek, Carol Kinsley, Michele Oakes-Cisler, Heather Spencer, Joy Lee, Loki Lott, April Puryear

Members Absent: None

Guests: Jennifer Wagner

Call to Order: 1:01 pm by Sherry Craig

Meeting Minutes Approval for October 19, 2023

Minutes approved unanimously.

Pay Plan/Governor Evers Lawsuit

UW President sent out email through University Relations about the lawsuit. We've fallen to 42nd nationally for public university funding. All chancellors also sent an email on how to contact your legislators.

Shared Governance Update

Joint session first. ATP timeline has been extended, BOR approved. Rothman said to fight the tendency to add more to the ATP project. US staff will change to calendar year from fiscal year. Changes in life insurance, probably consolidation, more communication in the next couple weeks. According to Rothman, he believes since it was signed into law, it's illegal for JCOER to withhold the raises. Rothman "believes in DEI and that it speaks to student success." Talk about dual-enrollment with high schools, mild concern about lost tuition revenue. Talk about automatic admissions for Wisconsin high schoolers. Legislative rep is not sure what Vos actually wants. Told "if you're going to send a letter to your legislators, make it personal."

Individual school updates: Seeing a lot more student engagement on many of the campuses. Superior celebrates First Generation students and they're getting an Esports team. Plattville layoffs: 31 permanent positions cut, 30 VSIP. Oshkosh layoffs: Listening sessions were well received. La Cross switched to Okta last week. Green Bay has a structural deficit, some layoffs, and everyone over \$100,000 had to take furlough. Whitewater passed joint resolution to gather employee comment on the pay plan and sent it to their chancellor for talking points.

Faculty Senate Update

Met in October. Voted on University Committee chair having a longer term- from 1 year to 3 years. Voted to eliminate some minors. Want to offer an Anthropology major degree. Created a minor in dance and certificates in project management, IT operations, and IT leadership.

Town Hall Questions/Discussion

Talked about enrollment and the new application fee.

US Activities Sub-Committee

Met last week and landed on an ornament making with hot cider in the library; Heather will send out information about this event; December 5th to coincide with decorating the tree.

Committee Reports

Regents US Excellence Awards: No news yet

Holiday Tree: Tree will be up on December 5th for decorating

Professional Development Fund/Breakfast: Went to HR for contact information on speakers for the breakfast and reached out to a speaker, but no response yet and no confirmed date on breakfast; JZ sent April an email about a career development opportunity with her; April is meeting with Amber Handy about making our professional development fund match with other development funds

Scholarship Fund: No news

New Business

Michele says Student Health & Counseling Center has been working on a zen room and it's almost done! It'll be open for students and faculty/staff. Library book sale today and tomorrow.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Carol Kinsley and seconded by Lisa Crumble

Meeting adjourned: 2:02 pm

Minutes submitted by: Alex Gray