

University Staff Council (USC) – Minutes

October 10, 2023

2:00-3:00 p.m.

UW-La Crosse, 3105 Student Union

Call to Order – 2:00 p.m.

Roll Call – Introductions

Council Members in attendance – Karen DeSchepper, Kimberly Schliebe, Erika Pfeiffer, Domingo Carrion, Ben Cornforth, John Eaton, Leslie Fell, Jerry Fogel, Mary Grattan, Bill Klein, Terry Stika, Amy Ticknor, Jeanne Voss

Absent –

Guests – Krista Curler, Rachel Friedl, Andrea Matson, Ashley Nowak, YooMee Howard, Sheri Craig, Nathan Zinn-Wirtz, Jenna Greene

Guest – Andy Jandt with Okta Update/Q&A

Okta Updates –

Okta Setup Workshops in 102 Wing every day this week

With Duo, we were limited on the number of licenses and we have maxed out. With Okta, we have more licenses; this will allow applicants and recent grads to have Okta and should reduce the spam/phishing emails that we see

Yubikeys – Overview of how the Yubikeys work; CDWG Yubikeys are on backorder, Business Services has given the okay to use department PCards to purchase from Amazon or Yubico.com if needed

Okta Q&A –

Q: When we download Okta on our phones, do we download through Google Play or the App Store?

A: Yes, you will download the Okta app

Q: Is there any way to test to make sure everything is working before Duo is gone on October 31?

A: No. In theory, if you have set up Okta then everything should be okay. On October 31, you will see Okta instead of Duo and it should work the same way

Q: Has there been any more talk about moving the expense away from the department budget?

A: No. IT cannot determine who needs them and who doesn't; that is determined at the departmental level. There are about 1400 Duo fobs. At last check, about 600 were active (actually being used).

Q: What about Miscellaneous Accounts?

A: We have had a little bit of trouble and are working to resolve the issues. Should work the same way with Okta that they do with Duo

Q: How does the app work on the computer? Would that be a good backup or option for those that go abroad?

A: It could be – we don't have a good way to test that yet. A Yubikey is the best option for study abroad

If you have any Okta questions, please email Andy.

Approval of Minutes – Approved

Treasurer's Report – Filed for audit

What happened to the \$2,300 that was in there? Was it swept?

Yes, it was swept. When (if) we get to meet with Bob, we will request that the \$2,300 that was swept be added back to this year's budget.

Committee Reports –

Bylaws - Mary Grattan/William Klein

Committee on Committees – Jeanne Voss

No report.

Elections – Terry Stika/William Klein

Program, Grants and Fundraising (PGF) - Karen DeSchepper

Our group did not meet in September so no updates available.

Grants – Karen DeSchepper, Interim Chair

There were four applications for the October 1 grant deadline. The grant committee will be reviewing this within the next week or so.

Excellence Award - Karen Brandt

First meeting of the year scheduled for October 17, 2023, to assign tasks for committee members.

Staff Recognition/Excellence Event - Janet Craig

Recognition Event Committee has not met. I have nothing to report.

UW Shared Governance - Karen DeSchepper

Please see notes listed separately.

Joint Academic Initiatives – Diane Bendel

Joint Environmental Sustainability – Amy Ticknor/Ben Cornforth

Joint Free Speech Promotion - Nathan Zinn-Wirtz

Joint Legislative & Regents – Kimberly Schliebe

No update as committee has not met.

Joint Multicultural Affairs – Kimberly Schliebe

No update as committee has not met.

Joint Parking Appeals – Mark Beckerjeck

The Joint Parking Appeals committee has not met. No report.

Joint Planning & Budget - Mary Grattan

Joint Textbook Oversight - Sandra Vinney

Textbook Rental Committee has not met yet this semester. A meeting has been scheduled for November 13th.

Work-Life Taskforce – Ben Cornforth

HR Advisory Committee - Kimberly Schliebe

No update as committee has not met.

Old Business –

Review changes to University Staff Employment Categories – At least two representatives from each category; the remainder will be at-large

New Business –

Universities of Wisconsin – Rothman unveils new Universities of Wisconsin identity to represent 13 universities

UW System Opportunity Tour – Focus on attracting talent and keeping it here in the state of Wisconsin; emphasis on making it possible for anyone to attend UW, regardless of socioeconomic status, background, etc. Discussion around DEI, student enrichment, and community engagement.

Exec Updates –

Chancellor Gow –

Chancellor Search – We nominated four University Staff; they do not have to pick from the list of nominees. We have not yet been notified of who is on the committee. He encouraged us (University Staff) to participate as much as possible in the search process (open forums). 4. Felt that it will be a desirable position since UWL is in a good place. Not looking for someone to come in and clean house

Financial issues throughout UW System; specifically UW Oshkosh, Whitewater, and Parkside. He assured us that UWL is in a good place.

Provost Betsy Morgan –

Pay plan update and Vos's statement (no news on that).

ATP

Chancellor Search

ATP Timeline Revision – New go-live date of July 2025

Launch is being pushed back.

Change to FY leave is tied to transition to Workday; this will be pushed back to July 2025 as well

November – Back in GMH

Get Engaged – Please join us 15 minutes before our Council meeting for networking! The room will open at 1:45 p.m.

Adjourn – 2:37 p.m.