

**University Staff Council (USC) Meeting Minutes**  
**February 9, 2016**

**Call to Order:** 2:01 pm

**Attendees:** Mary Grattan, John Gray, Bill Grinde, Brandon Harris, Ingrid Iverson, Ben Kolpitcke, John Pieper, Tracey Simpson, Terry Stika, Kathy Thoen, Becky Yoshizumi

**Guests:**

**Absent:** Kim Dearman, Kelly Becker

Approval of Minutes: Approval of January 12, 2016 Meeting Minutes M/S/A

Changes:

- Strike “Add spaces on both sides of hyphen to University of Wisconsin-La Crosse...”

Treasurer's Report Approval M/S/A

- Potentially need to notify business office of intent to use funds to prevent account from being swiped

Committee Reports:

- Committee on Committees
  - Co-chairs established: Mary G. and Tracey S.
- Bylaws
  - No Report
- Program/Fundraising
  - Employee Enrichment Day - July 19
  - Working on a spring semester event
- University Staff Excellence Award
  - Need to elect new chair
- **Joint Committee Representation Reports**
  - Strategic Planning Committee
    - No Report
  - Joint Multicultural Affairs Committee
    - Listening session - Feb 24, 2016 3-6p Hall of Nations
    - Mission Statement, NASA Land Recognition, Tuition Payment Plan
  - Joint Planning and Budget
    - Enrollment is down ~\$1.5M

Old Business

- “Community Days” Herberger’s Coupon Book (Tracey Simpson)
  - No additional booklets sold yet
  - Feb 23 last day to buy booklets; Feb 26 is day of sale

## New Business

- Select/Appoint an Elections Committee and Chair (3 persons)
  - Ben to send out email soliciting members
- Statewide Governance Meeting Update from Jan 29<sup>th</sup> in Madison
  - UW Colleges is restructuring and most need to reapply for positions
  - Eau Claire laid off 11 facilities employees
  - UW Extension is restructuring; estimating 80 cuts
  - Madison has reinstated employee choice for University Staff/Academic Staff
  - Oshkosh is looking to centralize IT
  - Platteville potential 35-40 layoff notices
  - Stout is searching for Provost
- Replacement body for Administrative Support (Kelley Becker)
  - Replacement for seat for remainder of this year and next year
  - Seeking recommendations
- Web Page Updating
  - USC name updates
  - Minutes and agendas
  - Ease of editing
  - A-Z index, USC under C section
- Shared Governance Principles Document
  - Looking for recommendations by Feb 19th

## Other

- Emeritus Policy approved by Chancellor's Office
- Co-sponsor UWL Joint Committee on Legislative and Regent Relations State Legislative Forum on Mar. 4 from 3-4:30p M/S/A
- Employee Exit Survey
  - Ben to ask for clarification from Jim Jorstad
  - Ben to ask Affirmative Action Office for info on current exit survey

**Adjourn:** 3:03 pm

**Next Regular Meeting:** Mar 8, 2016 Graff Main Hall 325

Brandon Harris - Secretary/Treasurer