

University Staff Council (USC) – Minutes

September 15, 2020 – 2:00-3:00 p.m.

UW-La Crosse, WebEx meeting

Call to Order – 2:01 p.m.

Roll Call –

Council Members in attendance: Becky Yoshizumi, Britney Heineman, Kimberly Schliebe, Tom Fell, Neng Lee, Nouchi Lor, Karen DeSchepper, Domingo Carrion, Dave Pohnl, Michelle Edge

Absent: Ben Kolpitcke, Justin Bolstad

Guests: Kathy Thoen, Jeanne Voss, Jenna Winter, Mary Grattan, Ingrid Iverson, Kimberly Johnson

Approval of Minutes – Council approved minutes.

Treasurer’s Report – Discussion on 136 balance. Council approved Treasurer’s Report.

Committee Reports

Bylaws – No update

Committee on Committees – No update

Elections Committee – No update

Program/Grants/Fundraising Committee – USC signed up for Rotary lights. Planning fall newsletter. Will be meeting soon.

Grant Subcommittee – No update

University Staff Excellence Award – The US Excellence Award winner plaque was presented to Kathy Thoen. Milestone gifts were delivered. Milestone award winners will be honored next year at the breakfast. For this year they will be recognized on digital signage, on the USC website and in the newsletter.

UW Systems Shared Governance Updates – Meeting this Friday, September 18th. Meetings have been limited but there has been communication between reps when needed.

Joint Committee Representation Reports

Academic Initiatives Differential Allocation (AIDAC) – No update

Environmental Sustainability – No update

Joint Planning and Budget (JPB) – First meeting will be held tomorrow, Wednesday September 16th. Justin Bolstad will be completing Brandon's term on JPB

Legislative and Regents (JLR) – No update

Multicultural Affairs (JMAC) – No update

Parking – No update

Free Speech Promotion – The committee is looking into virtual options for presentations during Free Speech Week.

Textbook – No update

Community Engagement Council – No update

CIO Search & Screen – No update

University Centers Director Search & Screen – Committee is looking to bring candidates to campus yet this fall pandemic pending.

REC Director Search & Screen – No update

Extended Learning/Graduate Studies Director Search & Screen – Ingrid reported that the committee met and they are currently waiting on budget numbers to come in.

Old Business

COVID-19 – Michelle updated us on Res Life. It has been difficult to keep up as they have been working non-stop from the weekend of early check in. There have been a lot of calls and questions regarding parents and student concerns. Overflow calls have been sent to Vitaliano, Chancellor Gow and the COVID-19 Hotline. There are concerns about both negative and positive COVID test results as well as food service and delivery. Mail/Package sorting and delivery is an issue as student workers are not available to process and staff is focusing on assisting with COVID-19 questions and procedures to serve student's needs. Britney received an email requesting volunteers to help sort mail and packages. The Physical Plant has been assisting but Res Life still needs outside help during this time.

Spring break has been cancelled at UW-Madison.

Mary provided a Wittich Hall update. Still under construction, waiting on glass panels in halls and stairways. A new furniture order may be placed as well.

Ingrid provided a Library update. She was surprised at how full the library was. Petty cash had to be returned due to the pandemic. Res Life was asked to turn in their petty cash as well. Requested that the petty cash topic be discussed with Bob.

Custodial shared that they have been responding to COVID disinfection calls and assisting on all areas of Campus where needed.

Michelle would like to hear student response to the pandemic procedures. Becky shared some information that her Computer Science students had shared and Britney shared information and concerns she received on the COVID hotline.

New Business

RAVE – Rave is an emergency notification system. You can find the registration link on the UWLPD web page. You can register up to three phones to receive alerts.

Food volunteers – Not needed due to procedure change.

Brandon Harris council vacancy – Justin Bolstad replacing Brandon for the remainder of 2-year term.

Committee Vacancies – University Staff Excellence Breakfast Committee, Brandon Harris's USC seat, Title IX Advisory Team representative, AIDIC, Textbook Oversight Committee, and Grant Committee.

Exec Committee updates – The professional development grant enrollment is live. Becky contacted Joe for updates on furloughs and layoffs. It sounds like everyone is still working, some from home and some still on Campus. Exec Committee meets with Bob on Friday and Joe on Monday. Res Life mail will be discussed.

Council member updates – Discussed in Old Business.

Joys and Concerns – The JPB virtual meeting link shared by Kathy. Please feel free to join tomorrow!

When the announcement went out for the Shelter in Place. University Communications and Admissions stepped up and assisted with fielding questions. Great to see everyone working together!

Adjourn – 3:01 p.m.