

Unclassified Professional Staff Senate Meeting Minutes
November 1, 2023

Call to Order and Welcome:

President Greg Belcher called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Reading of the October 4, 2023 minutes. Motion to approve by Michael Woodrum, seconded by Eva Sager.

Treasurer's report was presented – there have been no changes to funds as of this date.

Ex-Officio Reports:

Student Government report (Hannah Eckstein):

1. SGA hosted Trunk or Treat at the Bicknell Center with over 700 attendees.
2. A new constitution for SGA was passed which added positions to the governing body.
3. Representatives from SGA will be lobbying for higher education in Topeka in February.

Faculty Senate President report (Rebeca Book):

1. Guest speakers at their last meeting presented on central advising and new KBOR general education requirements.
2. A program review update was provided.

Unclassified Support Staff report: No Report

University Leadership Team Liaison report: No Report

Old Business: none

Committee Reports:

1. Parking Committee – At last meeting, they reviewed nine appeals and accepted two.
2. Sustainability Committee –
 - a. Eva Sager shared a donation of a box trailer from Leafy Green Farms has been given for vertical growing. There will be more information coming in time.
 - b. The committee is also planning for the installation of a native plant area on campus.
 - c. The university has also received a donation of two solar powered benches.
3. Employee Initiatives –
 - a. Committee has not met as a whole; Lori Dreiling is now leading the committee will have a full meeting soon. Work is currently happening within subcommittees.
 - b. There is UPS representation on each subcommittee.
4. Satisfaction Survey – No report.
5. Elections – No report.
6. Bylaws – No report.
 - a. It was noted that there will be amendments coming.
7. Professional Development –
 - a. One application has been submitted and will be reviewed soon.

New Business:

1. Areas of focus:
 - a. A survey was sent out by Dr. Greg Belcher to identify key priorities for Unclassified Professional Staff. The results were presented via email from Amanda Hill on October 31.
 - b. 36 responses were received and compiled into eight categories.
 - c. Senators were asked to rank their top 3 priorities from the eight categories to identify areas of focus for the UPS Senate for 2023-2024.
2. UPS/USS merging:
 - a. Michael Woodrum spoke briefly on the merging of UPS and USS Senates. He stressed that soon most USS positions will become UPS positions necessitating the need to merge the two senates.
3. Senators:
 - a. The senate still needs one representative from Presidents Division 2.

After no further business, a motion was made by Michael Woodrum to adjourn and seconded by Angie Davison. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Hill, Secretary