The meeting convened and was called to order by President Terri Blessent at 1:32pm.

Present were Senators Carol Bell, Terri Blessent, Brandi Boswell, Jordan Harding, Michelle Hensley, Jerrica Lair, Diane Letner, Woody Lopez, Cindy VanBecelaere, Mary Wolf, Stephanie West, Kevin Elrod, Tish Potter, and Stepanie Willis. Guests present were Tim James, Lori Scott Dreiling, Mathew Wahl, Laura Switzer Striegel, Debbie Barone, Carol Young, Kim Little, Doug Ball and Dr. Erwin.

The December meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion to accept them as written, seconded and the motion carried.

Cindy VanBecelaere delivered the Treasurer’s report. In December there were no expenditures, primary account remains at $2374.87, with $57.04 continuing in the Foundation account. Mary Moved to accept the Treasurer’s report, it was seconded and the motion carried.

Neither UPS President or Faculty President was at this meeting so nothing to report.

Terri met with Dr Scott. There will be no in person convocation. There will be video available on 1/29/2021 with Dr Scott and Abby. Enrollment is down 5 or 6 percent from last spring. Classes start on 1/19/21 and will be face to face (with some hybrid classes). The KBOR will meet next week.

Committees:

Elections, Ann Courtney: 2 at-large positions still available

Public Relations, Ann Courtney: nothing to report

Welcoming Committee, Diane Letner; Brandon Randall, Boiler Technician

Parking Committee, Jordan Harding: nothing to report

Board of Governors Committee, Michelle Hensley: no meeting

Strategic Planning Committee, Terri Blessent: no meeting

Information Technology Council, Michelle Hensley: no meeting

Campus Safety and Security Committee, Betty Geier: no report

Docking Institute Survey Subcommittee, Terri Blessent: the cost of the survey went from $300 to $1000 per regent university.

Old Business:

There remain two at-large Senatorial seats, and guests were invited to contact Terri or Ann if interested in filling one.

New Business:

Doug Ball, Finance, reported about a proposed change to newly hired employee’s retirement plans. Currently USS has KPERS and Faculty and UPS has Regents retirement. Talk about potentially all employees except Police go into the Regents retirement plan. This could potentially save the University money that can be re-invested in employees by salary increases and/or reduce job elimination. This change is being implemented by many Kansas Universities. Should not affect employees who are already in KPERS, although they may decide to change their plan.

Bob Wolfe, Groundskeeper brought up the fact that he worked on Saturday of Thanksgiving and since all employees were given Admin Leave, he did not receive time and a half for his hours worked on Saturday at the 5A state football game.

Dan Thompson, Landscape, brought up that if you test positive and need to take leave, the Federal Covid leave money is no long available after 12/31/20.

Good to the order:

The Next USS meeting will be February 10, 2021 at 1:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20pm.

Minutes provided by: Cindy VanBecelaere, Treasurer