

# **Pittsburg State University Support Staff Senate Minutes for October 9th, 2019**

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, November 7th, 2019 at 1:30pm

The University Support Staff Senate welcomes all university support staff, as you do not have to be a Senator to attend.

**Senators Present:** Barb Barto, Carrol Bell, Terri Blessent, Rick Clutter, Kevin Elrod, Betty Geier, Tina Gregory, Michelle Hensley, Jerrica Lair, Diane Letner, Woody Lopez, Terry Pierce, Tish Potter, Stephanie Willis, Mary Wolfe, Michael Woodrum, and Dan Workman.

**Senators Absent:** Kathy Benard – Excused, Brandi Boswell – Excused, Tim James – Excused, Jeannice Parker - Excused

**Guests:** Kevin Bracker, Faculty Senate President & Brad Stefanoni, UPS Senate President

## **Senate Photos**

Taken in the Point Staircase prior to the meeting.

## **Opening of Meeting**

Meeting called to order by Senate President Terry Pierce at 1:35 PM

**Guest Speakers:** None

## **Review of Meeting Minutes**

September Meeting Minutes reviewed and approved.

### **1. Treasurer's Report – Mary Wolfe**

**Budget Account:** September Balance - \$2322.10. Expenditures: \$54 Car rental for ESU USSS Council Meeting, \$35.50 for gas. October Balance - \$2232.60

**Foundation Account:** No Expenditures. October Balance - \$57.04  
Reviewed and approved.

### **2. University Professional Staff Senate Report**

Brad Stefanoni, UPSS President: No Report

### **3. Faculty Staff Senate Report**

Dr. Kevin Bracker, Faculty Staff Senate President: No Report

### **4. Senate President's Report with University President**

Terry met with Dr. Scott on 10/9/19. The topics included: Dr. Scott continuing to advocate for more funding for PSU. Total student headcount increased by 20. Good growth in the graduate school enrollment. Rumble in the Jungle was very large, about 1300 visiting students. New KS Regent on campus 10/9/19 to tour the campus with Dr. Scott.

### **5. USSS Council Conference Call – No Conference Call**

A. September 18<sup>th</sup>, trip to KBOR Meeting in Topeka – Doug Cushenberry USSS Council Leader presented Survey Results to Council of Presidents. Was well received.

B. September 25<sup>th</sup>, trip to ESU for USSS Council Meeting – Survey discussion: the 3 reports that are being release on 10/15/19. University Updates: **WSU** – Construction ongoing for several buildings. Presidential Search still underway; Tompkins is interim. **KU** - \$20 Million budget cuts. 2.5% Merit Increases for staff. New budget model underway. **KSU** – Rolled out their new budget model. **FHSU** – UPS & USS Senates combined. Currently have 15 member on the senate. Working on their Inclement Weather Policy. **ESU** – President getting a new house. New dorms are under construction. Exploring the feasibility of combining

USS & UPS Senates. Their USS to UPS Employee conversion offer has only resulted in 8 employees switching to UPS, from USS.

## **6. Committee Reports**

- A. Elections: Jeannice Parker – Not Present
- B. Student Health Fees Council: Carrol Bell – No Report
- C. Welcoming Committee: Diane Letner - 2 new employees, Jason VanBecelaere with UPPS & Terry Blades with Custodial Services.
- D. Public Relations: Rick Clutter - Cabinet has been updated with current roster, officers and meeting dates.
- E. Parking Committee: Tish Potter - Meeting was September 12<sup>th</sup>. 1 appeal that was denied, thanks to UPPS now taking photos of parking infractions.
- F. Board of Governance Committee: Michael Woodrum – In Depth update on affairs at OSC. Lots of upgrades/repairs.
- G. Strategic Planning Committee: Terri Blessent – Small groups working on Non-Academic aspect of PSU. Trying to raise awareness and aligning with PSU Strategic Plan.
- H. Information Technology Council: Diane Letner – 3 Big Projects: Degree Audit System, System Maintenance, & Ongoing Maintenance and Support. Updated Security Policy, to stay in-line with the State. Admissions got a grant for Customer Relations System. Migration to Outlook a success. IT is working on upgrading infrastructure, and identifying potential Student Information Systems. Ongoing research into computer lab changes.
- I. Campus Safety and Security Task Force: Betty Geier – No Report
- J. University Legislative Coordinating Council: Michael Woodrum – No Report
- K. University Revenue Planning Committee: Michael Woodrum – No Report. Not meeting until Spring 2020

## **7. Old Business:**

Discussed the Campus Recreation proposal. Senators voiced concerns and opinions if their constituents. Took a vote on whether the USS Senate was in support, it passed with 100% YES votes.

## **8. New Business:**

Docking Institute Report released on 10/15. This was in conjunction with the other schools. We made the reports available on our website.

## **8. Good of the Order:**

Dr. Scott to speak at the November meeting, to address the Docking Reports.

**Adjournment:** 2:23 pm