

University Support Staff Senate

Meeting Minutes

December 6, 2021

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the University Support Staff Senate was called to order at 1:32pm on December 6, 2021 in Meadowlark, OSC by Terry Pierce.

Present

Carrol Bell, Terri Blessent, Kevin Elrod, Amy Gideon, Michelle Hensley, Timothy James, Jessica Lair, Diane Letner, Woody Lopez, Jeannice Parker, Tonya Pentola Terry Pierce, Joe Sheehy, Stephanie Willis, Heather Winzer, Cindy VanBecelaere, Dan Workman

Steve Erwin, VP Student Life, Olivia Biondo

Approval of Minutes

The November minutes were approved with corrections.

Guest Speaker – Lori Scott Dreiling

Had to reschedule.

UPS President Report – Mary Jo Meier

NA

FS President Report – Shawnee Hendershot

NA

Senate President's Report

Jeannice Parker, President, met with Dr. Scott.

- Presidential search is underway and the process is positive during his transition.
- Multiple listening sessions have been held to hear what the Faculty, Staff, USS, students and President are looking for in the candidates.
- Important issues: COVID spike in Pittsburg, with the last count from Dec.3 recording 294cases, the president and Exec committee is looking at wither to institute a mask mandate for commencement.
- Hope: State of Ks has taken in excess of budget \$439 million. Deferred maintenance of building will receive allocation of funds, and the elimination of 6.5% food taxes likely to save hundreds at the store
- Pres Scott will continue to travel and meet with different representatives to advocate for state higher education funding.

Treasurer's Report

No new expenditures, accepted and passed.

Committee Reports

Elections: One Senator position open

Public Relations: NA

Welcoming Committee: NA

University Scholarship: NA

Parking Committee: Position filled by Cindy VanBeceleare

Board of Governor's Committee: NA

University Revenue Planning Committee: NA

Strategic Planning Committee: NA.

Information Technology Council: NA

Docking Institute Committee: NA

University Legislative Coordinating Committee: NA

USS Incentive Benefits Committee: Recreation proposal – Steve Erwin, to change the days and hours of use. “Shout Out” proposal – Kathleen Flannery, has been submitted to the Executive Counsel.

Old Business

Second Reading and Vote on “Request a Suspension of the Rules”

As of this date December 8, 2021 the University Support Staff Senate voted to temporarily suspend the By-laws in order to allow the current President in office to fulfill their normal term of service through the end of the present term, regardless of the employee's classification of employment. This amendment will sunset and no longer be effective at the end of 30th of June, 2021.

Vote results; 2 Yeh, 14 Nay, 1 abstained. Ballot did not pass. Terry Pierce will step into the Presidents position as the President Elect. Tim James was nominated to fill the President Elect position and passed.

Good of the Order

Guest Speaker for the next meeting will be Dr. Howard Smith – Flex Time.

Spring Convocation: Thursday, January 27th at 1:30p.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 2:32pm by Terry Pierce. The next general meeting will be at 1:30pm on 1/12/21, in Meadowlark, OSC.

Minutes submitted by: Michelle Hensley