

University Support Staff Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2022

I. Call to order

Terry Pierce called to order the regular meeting of the University Support Staff at 1:30pm on 3/9/22 in the Meadowlark room of the OSC.

II. Attendees

Barb Barto, Terri Blessent, Carrol Bell, Kevin Elrod, Amy Gideon, Michelle Hensley, Tim James, Diane Letner, Woody Lopez, Terry Pierce, Joe Sheehy, Cindy VanBecelaere, Stephanie Willis, Heather Winzer, Dan Workman, Shawnee Hendershot, Dr. Scott.

III. Approval of February minutes – Accepted.

IV. Guest Speaker, Dr. Steve Scott, President

- a) He is encouraged about the 5% raise and proposed \$35 million on the Governor's desk for approval.
- b) The state will be paying back KPERS between \$850 million and \$1 billion.
- c) His last day will be June 5th. Dr. Shipp will begin June 6th.
- d) Presidents division has painted and updated the presidents complex, as well as the Crossland house, for the incoming president.

V. Treasurer's Report –

- a. Foundation account \$57.04, no expenditures.
- b. USS Budget Account, beginning balance \$2380.00. March expenditures, \$100.00. To date expenditures \$105.87. Ending balance, \$2274.87.

VI. Other University Reports

- a. Unclassified Professional Senate President – Mary Jo Meier, unable to attend.
- b. Faculty Senate President – Shawnee Hendershot, currently working on elections.

VII. Senate President's Report from meeting with University President, Dr. Scott

- a. Met Tuesday 04/12 at 10:00 a.m.
- b. Omnibus meeting in May, that is when the State budget will be finalized
- c. Dr. Scott is encouraged about the proposed 5% raise in the budget, it's on the Governor's desk now for her approval.
- d. Dr. Scott is optimistic about the proposed \$45.7 million budget for the KBOR system

- e. Dr. Scott is encouraged about the Deferred Maintenance funds for the University
- f. Dr. Scott said that there may be funding for cyber-security.
- g. He expresses hope and is cautiously optimistic.
- h. There will be a second town hall in April, when the budget process looks a little clearer
- i. PSU will transition to the new President on June 6th
- j. Updates on construction projects
- k. KPERS funded much better than in the past
- l. Work on the President's Office and the Crossland house.

VIII. USS Council Conference Call – Terry Pierce

I sent out the minutes from the March Meeting via email to all Senators on 3/18/22. See Attached

IX. Committee Reports

- a. Elections: 2 open positions. President Elect position was discussed with no nominations and the position still open.
- b. Public Relations: Nothing
- c. Welcoming Committee: Diane Letner – Nothing
- d. Parking Committee: Cindy VanBecelaere – Nothing
- e. Board of Governors: Michelle Hensley –
 - 1. Sodexo Noodle Revival was successful.
 - 2. Barns & Noble, caps & gowns were made available 4/1 and can be shipped for \$8.99.
 - 3. Diversity, move will not occur until winter break.
- f. Strategic Planning Committee: Terri Blessent - Nothing
- g. Information Technology Council: Michelle Hensley – No meeting
- h. University Legislative Coordinating Council: Nothing
- i. University Revenue Planning Committee:
 - 1. Some discussion on overall budget status, expense needs, covid impacts
 - 2. Dr. Naccarato reported that one chamber of the Kansas legislature has passed a \$45.7 budget for KBOR schools. Status of the bill still unknown in the Kansas Senate. So not final yet
 - 3. \$35 million for deferred maintenance, proposed
 - 4. \$20 million for demolition of some campus buildings
 - 5. Dr. Smith reports top things for retention are advising, data utilization, and student information system.
 - 6. As of November 20, PSU dropped the application fee
 - 7. As of March 1 PSU was up 395 applications
 - 8. PSU up 353 admissions
 - 9. 487 CARES Apps, up 17 by headcount
 - 10. Housing apps down 33 by headcount
 - 11. A 5% proposed raise for employees, if passed, would be \$2.5 million for the University to pay out of the budget
 - 12. Next meeting is April 15

j. Survey Committee: Survey is out!

X. Old Business

Satisfaction Survey to be launched in April – Results by August 2022

XI. New Business

Elections – emails will be sent to all USS employees for vacant Senate positions.

XII. Good of the Order

Next Meeting, 5/11/22, 1:30pm, Meadowlark room of the OSC.

XIII. Adjournment

Terry Pierce adjourned the meeting at 2:35pm.

Minutes submitted by: Michelle Hensley