

University Support Staff

Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2023

I. Call to order

Diane Letner called to order the regular meeting of the University Support Staff at 1:30 pm on 5/10/23 in the Meadowlark room of the OSC.

II. Attendees

Senators – Barb Barto, Carrol Bell, Andrew Beihl, Kevin Elrod, Amy Gideon, Diane Letner, Woody Lopez, Tonya Pentola, Sara Sullivan, Cindy VanBecelaere, Heather Winzer; Senators Excused - Michelle Hensley and Stephanie Willis Guests – Tammy Higgins, Terri Blessent, Jaben Parnell, Hannah Eckstein

III. Guest Speakers

Newly elected (as of April 2023) Student Government leadership offered an updated. Vice President Hannah Eckstein, shared that the longest running student service project “The Big Event” just completed its 20th year, and SGA is striving to open its doors back up - Listening to students more, as well as the student organization allocations process has been replaced by streamlined stipends, distributed this spring, ‘NRO [new revitalized organization] Grants’ may become available early to mid-July. Contact sgaops@pittstate.edu with questions and ensure any group you may know of or advise has their contact information up to date on Gorilla Engage. President Jaben Parnell, spoke of wanting to re-establish committee connections, increasing SGAs presence, believing students should be involved. One goal: “We think Overman should be an academic space.” It will be a learning year as he will serve as Vice-President of the KBOR Student Advisory Council, before PSU leads the KBOR councils/committees during the 2024-25 academic year. Plans to encourage that the new Food Service Provider “Aladdin” is held to its contract standards. Lastly is the hope for more people to get involved. Feel free to reach out.

IV. Approval of 4/12/23 minutes – Accepted.

Motion made by Amy Gideon, Woody Lopez Seconded, motion carried.

V. Treasurer’s Report – Accepted.

See attached.

Motion made by Tonya Pentola, Woody Lopez Seconded, motion carried. Question of clarification both USS and UPS acrylic Voya awards are paid for by USS Senate.

VI. Other University Reports

1. Faculty Senate President – Karen Johnson unable to attend with Finals and grade submission current priority.

2. Unclassified Professional Senate President – Tammy Higgins, last meeting was last week, Budget and how things were going with the Satisfaction Survey was discussed – Jaime Brookshire will get meetings going soon. 60% of USS Senators terms were up, 6 of the 9 elected by their peers Senators have accepted and their leadership will follow up with their final 3.
Notes from Faculty Senate taken by Tammy; they revised plagiarism to add artificial intelligence (AI) and recommending PittState Pathway become General Education Committee.

VII. Elections

- Diane proceeded with our elections (prior to early meeting departures so we kept a quorum) Cindy VanBecelaere was unanimously elected USS Senate President 2023-2024, Tonya Pentola as Vice-President also unanimously.
- Maggie Lloyd, Michelle Ewan, and Stephanie Willis were also elected for their respective areas of representation (University Development, Student Publications, and Academic Affairs).

VIII. New Business

- It was agreed that we should look into a new iPad as well as a case to go along with it and a keyboard. Or why not a full Laptop.
- It was concurred that we need to take another look at the USS Senate handbook again as there are Administrative/Division/Unit changes Student Life will move under Doug Ball's Business Finance and Facilities (BFF) area.
- While on the topic of reorganization Amy Gideon shared that there would be a 30-minute meeting Thursday, 5/11/23 with Student Health Services staff and the future.
- Reservation at Guadalajara's Mexican Grill for the 'end of the year' meeting/banquet.

IX. Old Business

Update from Sub-Committee: Tonya Pentola reported there has been no action since the voted upon names (Tammy Higgins, Ed Myer, Tonya Pentola, and Michael Woodrum) were sent to Jaime Dalton as the group that will work directly with her, Doug Ball and Howard Smith.

X. Good of the Order

- Dan will Bike across Kansas beginning Monday, May 15, 2023 with a goal of raising 8 million dollars for scholarships. He has already been given a \$250,000 pledge of support (a good start).
- Carrol shared it was just announced that the College of Technology's Dean search failed.
- A 3rd party search firm has been hired to assist with VP for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management position, Diane is serving on the committee and has been told a large amount of qualified applicants have applied.

- Aladdin the new food service contractor is already on campus, and promises a smooth transition.
- There is Administrative interest in more social activities this summer; possibly more coffee's similar to the ones where we were encouraged to meet Dan last year, but now outside of HRs office on 2nd floor of Russ Hall.
- Graduation will be held this Friday and Saturday (May 12th & 13th).
Congratulations!
- Final USS Senate meeting of this term year is Wednesday, June 14, 2023.

XI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm

Minutes submitted by: Heather Winzer

Treasurer's Report – USS Senate Meeting

May 2023

Budget Account (412U.F7000316):

FY23 Beginning Balance	\$ 2,380.00
Expenditures – April	\$ 140.70
Expenditures to date	<u>\$ 400.95</u>
April ending balance	\$ 1,979.05

Foundation Account (432U. F445030):

FY23 Beginning Balance	\$ 57.04
Expenditures – April	\$ 0.00
No expenditure to date	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
April ending balance	\$ 57.04

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Sign in Sheet for May 10, 2023

x	Please mark a check by your name to signify your attendance to this meeting.		x
X	Barb Barto	Professional Staff President	
X	Carrol Bell	Tammy Higgins	X
X	Andrew Beihl	Faculty Senate President	
	Tess Carl	Karen Johnson	
X	Kevin Elrod	Student Life - Steve Erwin	
X	Amy Gideon		
	Sean Hall	GUESTS - Please Print Legibly Below	
	Michelle Hensley	<i>m_hensley @psu</i>	
	Timothy James		
	Kay Jiles		
	Diane Letner		
X	Woody Lopez		
	Tonya Pentola		
	Joe Sheehy		
X	Sara Sullivan		
X	Cindy VanBecelaere		
	Stephanie Willis		
X	Heather Winzer		
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