

USS Senate Meeting

May 13, 2020

Via: Microsoft Teams

Meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by President, Terry Pierce

Senators present: Barbara Barto, Carrol Bell, Kathy Benard, Terri Blessent, Brandy Boswell, Kevin Elrod, Betty Geier, Tim James, Diane Letner, Jeannice Parker, Terry Pierce, Tish Potter, Stephanie Willis, Mary Wolfe

- I. March and April minutes were approved after correction of \$8 million dollars, not \$8 Billion.
- II. Treasurer's Report: Regular account: \$2,000.08; Foundation account: \$57.04
- III. Faculty Senate: President, Kevin Bracker, stated that he was passing the reigns to Cole Shewmake for next year. Kevin also shared that he and Cole were re-opening the committee for fall curriculum design – how to hold classes in the fall. We may need the back-up of online classes but hoping to have face-to-face classes.
- IV. Senate President's Report with University President:
 - a. PSU following Governor's plan since the beginning, spoke about the breakdowns in phases, we will begin phase II on May 18th
 - b. Telework is encouraged, will expand the workers on campus – focused on Trades and custodial staff. Also phasing back to their offices are: Admissions, Financial Aid and Housing.
 - c. PSU has ordered face masks for all employees, will be handed out through campus mail, so be looking for them in the mail.
 - d. No summer camps in June and July
 - e. Discussing all student housing to be single occupancy rooms.
 - f. Summer enrollment is up, especially Graduate; Fall enrollment is down, but it's still early.
 - g. Furlough/lay offs could be possible, KU and KSU are already talking about furlough's.
- V. USS/UPS Conference call: Talked in depth about the satisfaction survey and how the whole process went. Joel suggested having sub-committees that meet and go over the process and making that process easier, and the transition easier. Also making a timeline of when would be the best time to have another survey go out. Morale and money (salaries) are the biggest issues of the survey.
- VI. Committee Reports:
 - a. Elections: Jerrica Lair, nothing to report
 - b. Public Relations: Jerrica Lair, nothing to report
 - c. Welcoming Committee: Diane Letner, Jennifer Woody, Admin Specialist for ITS

- d. Parking: Tish Potter, Tish stepped in as Chair of this committee (Congratulations Tish), need another person assigned to this committee
- e. Board of Governors Committee: Michelle Hensley, no meeting (per B.Barto)
- f. Strategic Planning: Terri Blessent, no meeting, nothing to report
- g. IT Council: Diane Letner, met 4/28/2020 projects: schedule of classes/degree of audit; students able to track progress on classes, this was the last meeting of this committee.
- h. Campus Safety & Security Task Force: Betty Geier, turning this into a committee, sitting idle for now.
- i. USLCC: Terry Pierce, State likely okay for end of this FY, but down \$37 million, 8% cut= \$3 million, no raises for higher ed and this comes from the State level.
- j. Outstanding Senior: Tish Potter, 93 candidates, no more meetings until next year.
- k. University Revenue Planning Committee: Terry Pierce, last met on 4/29/20, recommendation of 2-3% raise in tuition to KBOR

New Business: EAC met last Thursday (May 7th) to pass recommendation to HCC for no changes to healthcare.

Healthquest:

Plan A = 20 points

Plan C = 25 points

It was asked if with the lower points, would that mean that they lower the value of points, money wise will stay the same.

Good of the order: Kathy Benard Thanked Dr. Bracker for all his updates.

Next month – year end party: was put on hold since we could not get together. Is this something that we want to consider doing this year, kind of as a beginning of the year/kick off

The Governor's plan says that we can increase groups from 10 to 30 people, we will stay with Teams meetings for now.

No Service awards recognition.

Meeting adjourned: 3:01p.m.

Minutes by VP, Terri Blessent