

University Support Staff Senate Minutes

OSC – Meadowlark, 1:30 p.m.

August 11, 2021

- I. **Call to Order – 1:31p.m.**
- II. **Review of June's meeting minutes:** Motion to accept the minutes, seconded, and approved
- III. **Guest Speakers: Dr. Scott**
 - Enrollment down a bit, reminder that everyone should aid in attracting and retention of students
 - Continuance of mask mandate due to COVID numbers in community and \$1,000 vaccine incentive; due by September 17th
 - State of Kansas has exceeded income estimates by over 500,000,000 dollars and Dr. Scott will advocate for higher education increase in state support
 - Announced his retirement in June 2022
- IV. **Other University Reports:**

UPS President: Mary Jo Meier/ Not in attendance
Faculty President: Shawnee Hendershot/ Not in attendance
- V. **Kansas Regent Universities Joint UPS-USS Report** -Terri Blessent- Meet August 25th
- VI. **USS Senate Executive Council 2021-2022-** Motion to vote in Terri Pierce as Vice President, Ann Courtney as Secretary and Carrol Bell as Treasurer. They were elected by a majority
- VII. **Treasurer's Report:** Carrol Bell
FY21 Funding distribution in July
Foundation Account: No Expenditures
- Budget Account: No Expenditures
July 2021 Balance = \$2,380.00
July 2021 Balance = \$57.04
- VIII. **Committee Reports:**
 - Elections: Ann Courtney, Carrol Bell
 - Senate Rooster 2021-2022 – Motion made and seconded to vote in nominated USS as senators and was approved by the majority.
 - Public Relations: Terry Pierce No report
 - Welcoming Committee: Diane Letner, No Report
 - University Scholarship Committee: Jeannice Parker, No Report
 - Parking Committee: Jordan Harding, No Report
 - Board of Governor's Committee: Michelle Hensley – Meet September 17th
 - University Revenue Planning Committee: Jeannice Parker, No Report
 - Strategic Planning Committee: Terri Blessent, No Report
 - Information Technology Council: Michelle Hensley, Diane Letner- Meet September 30th
 - Docking Institute survey sub-committee update: Terri Blessent, Jeannice Parker
 - Completing the wording on some survey questions and then will be approved and signed for the Docking Institutes for their next process. It is expected to activate by March 2022
 - University Legislative Coordinating Committee: Jeannice Parker, No Report
- IX. **Old Business** - None
- X. **New Business**
 - a. Corrections and amendments were made to the By-Laws. Each member received a copy to review for a vote at a future meeting.
 - b. Reviewed Mission Statement and introduced goal to review employee benefits and form an Incentive Benefits committee.

Good of the Order:

- a) Guest Speaker – Carrie Farrington, APRN – Information about COVID vaccines
- b) Peyton Manning will be the Quest Speaker for the August 30, H. Lee Scott Series.

Next meeting – September 8, 2021 – 1:30 p.m.