

# Pittsburg State University

University Support Staff

Minutes for September 8, 2021

Senators present: Angela Ashmore, Carrol Bell, Terri Blessent, Michelle Hensley, Kay Jiles, Jerrica Lair, Diane Letner, Woody Lopez, Jeannice Parker, Tonya Pentola, Terry Pierce, Joe Sheehy, Stephanie Willis, Heather Winzer, Dan Workman

Senators excused: Amy Gideon and Jordan Harding

Guests: Mary Jo Meier, UPS Senate President and Shawnee Hendershot, Faculty Senate President.

- Call to Order- Jeannice Parker, President, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.
- Review of the August meeting minutes was tabled as they were not available after the departure of Ann Courtney, Secretary.
- Other University Reports:
  - UPS Senate President, Mary Jo Meier stated that they had met on Wednesday, September 1, 2021, and have 12 returning and 11 new senators. Out going President, Jason Kegler, had presented a review of the State UPS Senate's meeting.
  - Faculty Senate President, Shawnee Hendershot stated that they had met Monday, August 30, 2021. No items to share.
- Kansas Regents Universities Joint UPS-USS Report, Terri Blessent had no report as they were not meeting until Tuesday, September 14, 2021.
- USS Senate Executive Council Secretary replacement 2021-2022 – no volunteer as of this meeting.
- Senate President's Report with Dr. Scott – Jeannice Parker:
  - He is lobbying for the excess State revenue of \$13 million go to the Universities.
  - The University will continue with the mask mandate per recommendations with local health officials.
  - Covid-19 testing is available at the Bicknell Family Center for the Arts
  - The deadline for the vaccination incentive submission of document is September 17, 2021
  - Vaccine information is available and is continued to be shared through the Campus Update emails and through other sources on campus.
- Treasure's Report: Carrol Bell- The general budget has \$2380.00 and the Foundation account has \$57.04. There were no expenditures. It was moved to accept the report by and seconded to accept the Treasures report. The motion passed.

- Committee Reports:
  - Elections: No report
  - Public Relations:
  - Welcoming Committee: No report
  - University Scholarship Committee: Has not met yet
  - Parking Committee: The first meeting is September 17, 2021
  - Board of Governor's Committee: Has not met yet
  - University Revenue Planning Committee: Has not met yet
  - Strategic Planning Committee: Has not met yet
  - Information Technology Council: Has not met yet
  - Docking Institute Survey Sub-Committee update:
    - The contract has been signed
    - The survey will go out April 2022
    - A uniform message will be sent across campus to notify employees that the survey will be going out
    - Urge all USS/UPS to answer the "satisfaction survey"
  
- Old Business
  - The Johnson & Johnson vaccine is still available for employees and students to take to receive in order to meet the Incentive deadline of September 17<sup>th</sup>
  - A motion to table the voting to approve the revisions to the bi-laws until next meeting was made by Michelle Hensley and seconded by Jessica Lair to allow more time to review the changes. The motion carried.
  
- New Business
  - Tickets are on sale for all home football games and shows at the Bicknell Family Center for the Arts
  - The Career Closet is accepting donations for business attire. See Jeannice Parker or Jamie Dalton for more information.
  - A question was raised by Woody Lopez on behalf of other USS employees as to why the \$1000.00 vaccine incentive was being paid through payroll as taxable income. Jeannice Parker said she will research the answer.
  - A question was raised by Heather Winzor about the decision to increase the minimum wage for student employees to \$8.00 per hour, but there has been no discussion for raises for staff not making a sustainable wage. Jeannice Parker says she will research the decision.
  - A question was asked if we knew the percentage of vaccination on campus as compared to the county
  
- Good of the order:
  - Fall enrollment numbers will come out next week. It is looking positive for an increase in incoming Freshman
  - Jeannice Parker would like to form a committee to review a list of employee benefits. Please let her know if you would like to serve on the committee
  - Vinnie Daino has been asked about increasing the hours for use of the Student Recreation Center by staff. He will discuss the proposal with Dr. Scott

- Dr. Steve Erwin and Tim Senecaut, Director of Custodial & General Services, will speak to the move of the Department from the Administration & Finance Division
- Lori Scott Dreiling, Director of Human Resource Services will speak at our December meeting

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. in the Meadowbrook Room in the Overman Student Center.

Pictures will be taken 15 minutes before the meeting on the south side steps of the Overman Student Center

Meeting was adjourned.