

AS Senate Meeting
January 23, 2014
11am-1pm
Swenson 3004

Present: Jenice Meyer (Chair), Jen Bird (Secretary), Jordan Appicelli, Allen Shepard, Lisa Mattsson, Faith Hensrud, Lynne Williams, Ryan Kreuser, Scott Smith, Harry Anderson

Absent:

1. Meyer called the meeting to order at 11:04am
2. Shepard motioned to approve December minutes. Williams second. Approved.
3. Provost Updates
 - a. Senate shared updates on Telecommuting policy, By-Laws, Staff Development opportunities
 - b. New Staff Orientation updates. Anderson will check in with Peggy Fecker is setting the meeting which will be set for February.
 - c. What do you hear about Master Planning?
 - i. Williams mentioned clarifying that it is physical planning. Hensrud mentioned that much of the Master Plan will focus on outside spaces and some particular buildings that need attention or updates.
 - ii. Strategic Plan, Program Prioritization and Master Planning will all be connected to ensure continuity.
 - d. Kreuser asked what our role as AS Senate will play with Program Prioritization and Strategic Planning. Hensrud shared that the senate bodies are represented on the Program Prioritization committee. For Strategic planning, there are open feedback times so AS Senate can help encourage people to attend open forums and provide additional input.
4. Chair's Report and Updates
 - a. Decided last time to use this meeting as our planning meeting instead of a separate retreat.
 - b. Meyer attended the System Legal training meeting during which it was clarified that we cannot vote via email. William and Kreuser expressed an interest in discussing with that some policies might be outdated. Shepard agreed, but mentioned having the information available for how we would still include people. Meyer will email and clarify questions about the statute.
 - c. Meyer met with Hensrud and discovered that there may be some misinterpretation of Shared Governance across campus, for example in regards to committee service and what is or is not required by contract. Meyer suggested this be a topic to get clarified and have further discussion on. Bird mentioned that if this moves forward, it would be important to discuss the committees that ask people to serve who are not able to vote

(ex: UAAC has committee members who are unable to vote). Kreuser and Shepard suggested that AS Senate can help encourage people to participate in service by explaining the benefit.

5. Updates on all Committee Goals

- a. Telecommuting policy not fully approved. Bird will be in contact with Peggy Fecker and Mary McCauley to address concerns that came up.
- b. Shepard gave By-Laws update. He recommends deleting Section I: General Meetings since AS Senate meetings once per month and are open to all Academic Staff. Meyer will clarify if it's possible to take Section I out. AS Senators are asked to review By-Laws and provide feedback to Shepard prior to the next AS Senate meeting to avoid multiple voting periods about By-Laws changes.
- c. Meyer reported that as a result of the Conflict Resolution workshop this past month, people are interested in pursuing the implementation of the Conflict Resolution process created by a task force in 2004 under the direction of Dr. Maria Cuzzo. Mattsson discussed that an ombudsperson position is being considered.
- d. Williams updated that we have Peter Shankman scheduled to speak on campus the Monday after campus from 1-3pm. Williams motion to use our staff development funds for this speaker event. Smith second. Discussion. Approved.
- e. Template for newsletter is being updated. Smith and Shepard are working on it. Plan to have one complete and out before next AS Senate meeting.
- f. Anderson and Meyer updated on Professional Development. Kreuser is working on setting a social for spring. Committee assignment call will go out and be completed prior to the end of the semester. Call will go out in February/March. The AS Staff Development Grant funds will go out about the same time.
- g. Meyer notes that overall we are on track with our goals for 2013-2014.

6. Governance Liaison Report

- a. System Reps meeting: Meeting is next week. Discussions will take place on GPR allocations, presentation to the Board of Regents about faculty workload, 30 credit core and their transferability between institutions in WI, and about the White House conference on improving Higher Education and access.
- b. Legislative Meeting: System is able to have 4 VP positions. They will be hiring a VP of Human Resources. Calling for applications for nontraditional students for the Student Regents. Discussed Presidential transition (Ray Cross). There are plans to have him visit campuses around the System. Discussed Posters in the Rotunda (6 per campus), students are being selected. This is teamed up with a meeting with our local legislatures. Superior Days is taking place again this spring and we will have representation from campus. Williams and Kaelene Arvidson-Hicks are working on updating the Federal Priorities Binder for our campus.
- c. Kreuser asked about workload inconsistencies around the System. Williams will have more information to share after next week's Rep meeting.

7. New Business

- a. Nothing to report.

8. Old Business
 - a. Nothing to report.
9. Meyer motioned to adjourn, Kreuser second. Meeting adjourned at 1:00pm

Respectfully Submitted
Jen Bird
AS Senate Secretary