

AS Senate Minutes

Meeting called to order at 12:06pm

Present: John, Ryan, Lisa, Rob, Jen

Guests: Barbara Pezzey, Mary McCauley, Renee Wachter

Lisa motion to approve May 2014 minutes. John second. Minutes approved.

Governance Chairs Updates:

AS Senate – will be looking for people to attend other governance meetings as a rep for AS Senate

CSS (Classified Staff Senate) – Meetings will be Thursdays 10-11:30am

Faculty Senate – Tuesdays 2:30-3:45 in YU 203

Student Senate – no report

UW-System Rep – Rob expressed interest. Ryan motion to approve Rob as rep, John second. Motion approved.

Chancellor's Report:

Regent Buddy has been assigned. Regent Whitburn, and Student Regent Nicholas Harsy. An invitation to visit has been extended to both Regents.

Budget deficit had estimated a surplus, but that is not the case. We are not sure of the implications of this right now.

Remedial education is being looked at by the BOR – President Cross wants to try to work with K-12 to help improve numbers. Questions raised by senators about it being a top down plan that is put on everyone across the system. Chancellor Wachter expressed she did not feel it was a case of the UW System implementing a top down plan, but rather looking at best practices. The Provost's across the system will be pulled together to work on this.

HR Director update – search was failed – the position description will be reviewed and the search will resume. UW System is willing to provide back-up as needed, but there is not an interim being assigned at this point.

Gigi is full time starting Monday, September 15th.

The interim for Enrollment Management, Jim Schlimmer is here. His role is to help implement the plan, not rework or do more planning.

John McCormick was at some point here elected Secretary, and, in a bewildered state, began taking unorganized notes on the meeting. He was not focused on noting who raised motions or who seconded motions.

Classified Staff Senate update – CSS is reviewing UPS policies and looking into possible System Representative. At this time, they had no update for those who had received At-Risk notifications.

Discussion on potential for more Senate Collaborations.

Discussion of access to campus communication – who may contact whom for what? Is there a way to keep our contingency up to date above/beyond the digest?

Discussion – with membership changes over summer of Academic Staff Senate, do we want to maintain our committee structures? Decision to review retreat notes more carefully. Discussed Personnel, Grants, Communications, including newsletter, elections, and committee placement.

Prioritized tasks fell to current members of communications committee to forge ahead with emergency election and committee assignments. Lisa volunteered to provide the committee with procedures for holding elections documented in 2013-14.

University committees – awaiting specifics on numbers. Question posed – what control do we have in assignments? What processes might lead to better assignments than the current method?

Vote – passed – 1st Tuesdays for Meetings.

Announcement – Take advantage of Transforming Human Spirit Events on campus.

Motion to adjourn was from Lisa, Ryan second. Meeting was adjourned at 1:33pm.

Minutes submitted by John McCormick, using Jen Bird's notes for the first portion of the meeting.