

Pittsburg State Unclassified Professional Staff Senate

Meeting Agenda Feb 5, 2025, 2:00 PM

OSC, Meadowlark

- Call to order/Welcome - Kelley Manley, President
 - *Eva Sager leading meeting in Kelley's absence
- Roll Call (confirmation of quorum) - Marissa Poppe, Secretary

- Approval of January 8 Meeting Minutes – Marissa Poppe, Secretary
 - Approved
- Treasurer Report – Rachel Reardon, Treasurer
 - \$850, state funds
- Orientation Report (January 5 – February 1, 2025)
 - No Longer with Pitt State:
 - New to Pitt State:
 - Kaylee Long – Creative and Strategic Communications
 - Dakota Lawrence – Information Technology Services
 - Kelli Starkweather – KRPS
 - Quoc Bao Le – NIMA
 - Joshua Curran – Kelce College of Business
 - Angela Ashmore – Academic Advising
 - Rebekah Wilkinson – Alumni & Constituent Relations
 - Promotions:
 - Nicole Barnes – Academic Advising
 - Andrew Ouellette – NIMA
 - Jill Ward – RED
 - Aimee Senecaut – Irene Ransom Bradley School of Nursing
 - Megan Whitney – RED
 - Christopher Ward – Biology
 - Transfers:
 - Rutu Patel – NIMA
 - David Wolff – Teaching and Leadership
 - Joseph Levens, Jr – School of Construction
 - Monica Reid – Mathematics and Physics
 - Michael Woodrum – Admission
 - Mary Pomatto – Irene Ransom Bradley School of Nursing
 - Judy Smetana – School of Technology and Workforce Learning
 - Retirements:

- Shared Governance
 - Student Government – Charlie Judd, ED of Operations
 - Eva is following up with Charlie on class schedule
 - Higher ed day, 25 students attending, KBOR institutions
 - Big event, registration, check Daily, first Saturday in April, part of GoPitt!Fest, t shirt reveal coming, 22nd year (Taylor Swift reference rumor)
 - Monday did Hot Dogs for Dogs
 - Cookies for Cats today (maybe tomorrow as well)
 - RSO Stipends

- Elections
- Faculty Senate – Norman Philipp, President
 - First 2 meetings of year so far
 - Working with Provost Bon on upcoming symposium on AI – mid to late April; Jorge L and Michelle H collaborating; AI committee for faculty senate; felt current AI ‘policy’ was negative
 - Constitution committee updating ‘stuff’
 - Auditing current senator positions to get accurate campus representation; may drop a few, may add a few; departments have changed into programs vice versa
 - Apple Day – look for fun and exciting things
 - KBOR actively working to update KBOR Faculty of the Year award – adding non-tenure track, adding staff award; recommending to KBOR to be sure to keep it separate (tenure & non-tenure & staff – all different and deserve their own recognition)
 - Unified tuition assistance proposal; asking KBOR to grant all BE EE’s to utilize their tuition assistance at each institute; support at a conceptual level; data gathering currently; email came out with survey – watch Daily! Currently 76 responses from PSU (go us!); PSU only campus with different tuition assistance for staff vs faculty (administered differently... KNEA rules makes this different)
- University Support Staff – Sean Hall, President
 - absent
- University Leadership Team – Emily McElwain, ED of Univ Affairs
 - Dr. Childers selected as COAS Dean; CCOT Dean should be wrapping up this week, still meeting w advisory boards (hoping for announcement this week)
 - Fiscal Affairs revenue & budgets, tracking at 50%, expenses at 47% - all good things for budget
 - Dan testified for House Higher Ed Budget Committee, went well, house members receptive to inequity graph showing regionals being underfunded compared to bigs, Fort Hays also presented yesterday, Emporia presented last week, going back to Emporia to ensure on the same page
 - Scott Speaker Series – comedian last week, Pulitzer prize winner coming next
 - Abby Fern’s team following what’s going on in White House and will submit statements as needed, things are often calming down before actions are needed, just know they are ahead of it
 - Angela N – we’ve not seen any but other schools are seeing fraudulent students (FAFSA, financial aid, etc.); Moving forward with AI
 - Jamie Lynn Blum – Institutional Equity – regarding Searches – committees must meet with IE before hiring to remain compliant
- Cabinet Update: Kelley Manley & Eva Sager
 - Meeting was rescheduled for 2/17/25, expect update at next meeting
- Committee Updates (see attachments):
 - UPS Committees
 - By-laws, Elections & Merger Committee – Eva Sager, combined committees co-chair
 - Working from singular document (yay Michael!)
 - Elections going forward, check email
 - Regents USS/UPS Shared Council - Eva Sager

- Meets later this week, working on Docking Institute; met in January with Mike Walker from DI, reviewed survey questions, minimum changes, just a few things outdated, Mike working on updates, meeting next week ?, send out in April
 - University Committees
 - Employee Initiatives
 - Professional Development – Libby Graham
 - Staff PD Day 1/13 – successful, only a few conflicts with reschedule, good affinity groups, meeting 2/18/25 to debrief, gathering survey data
 - Kudos/Recognition - Shawna Witherspoon/Rachel Reardon
 - Maybe valentines, food truck, service awards
 - On-Boarding & Off-Boarding – Michael Woodrum
 - Haven't met
 - Performance Management – Greg Murray/Shawna Witherspoon
 - Being worked on, back end stuff
 - Employee Well Being – Angie Davidson/Jodeci Turner
 - Haven't met
 - Parking – Tracy Holzem
 - Meeting on calendar
 - Sustainability – Erica Martin
 - Haven't met
- Old Business
- New Business
 - Docking Institute Survey – Michael Woodrum
- Guest Speaker

Krissy Lewis – Workforce Development: Mastering the Art of Difficult Conversations

- Open Discussion
 - Suggestion? Submit topic to President before the meeting
- Announcements
 - VOYA Award – deadline March 1 (see UPS webpage)
 - Invite your unclassified colleagues

Student of the year was extended

Outstanding senior & golden Gorilla – watch Daily

- Adjournment
 - Next meeting: Wednesday, March 5, 2025, 2:00 PM, OSC - Meadowlark