

## UPS Senate Executive Committee (UPS EC) Minutes

9-28-22

**Present:** Rachel Schenker, Tammy Higgins, Mary Jo Meier, Andra Stefanoni

**Absent:** Greg Belcher, Elizabeth Geier

The meeting was called to order at 2:08 p.m.

Minutes from Aug. 31 meeting were read and approved (MJM 1<sup>st</sup>, RS 2<sup>nd</sup>)

Tammy encouraged senators and executive committee members to attend the Oct. 24-25 HLC meetings.

Tammy reported from her first Faculty Senate meeting of the year:

- The university is transitioning Career Services to a Career Center and Advisory Center, with centralized, professional advising.
- An RPK Data Study is under way with KBOR on a space utilization study. A space utilization study is under way and includes a focus on common shared spaces.
- The Kelce building project went from a price tag of \$11m to \$30m, so has gone back to the drawing board with an emphasis on innovative, collaborative education experiences downtown.
- Heather Eckstein has temporarily assumed leadership of the Honors College
- The TAC has been selected and is beginning to meet

Mary Jo reported that she is working with Abigail Fern on a message about the results of the Docking Institute. Tammy shared those results with the UPS EC. They all will meet with Abigail, Howard, Jaime, and Dan to discuss next steps.

Two applications were submitted to the UPS EC for PD scholarships. After discussion, they both were unanimously approved (MJM 1<sup>st</sup>, TH 2<sup>nd</sup>).

Tammy asked about other committees and Mary Jo questioned the rationale of having them if there isn't anything for those committees to do.

Andra agreed to serve as the UPS EC communication person until January and will send notes campus-wide to all UPS. She noted that while UPS has minutes and agendas on the website in the interest of transparency, if an email isn't sent to UPS directing them to go look for them, they won't know they're there. She suggested UPS follow the approach of Faculty Senate, which emails a link out to the entire campus when a document is added to the website (agenda, minutes, etc.).

Tammy asked if the UPS EC should have a representative on each of the presidential task forces and committees. Andra said she believes that those groups already were carefully chosen to have wide campus representation and individuals with specific expertise (crisis, diversity, etc.), thus there wouldn't be a need for UPS to have representation. Other UPS EC members agreed.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andra Stefanoni