

1.5.23 UPS General Meeting
Call to Order: 2:01pm

Welcome Guest Speaker- Dr. Howard Smith, Provost

Guest Speaker-

- Howard wanted to highlight top 6-7 activities that have happened this past fall
- Student Success Center changes
 - Pitt State participated in the National Institute of Student Success Survey in Spring 2022
 - All regent institutions and 1 community college in Kansas participated
 - The goal that came out of that survey from the regents was coordinated and aligned advising efforts, enhancing what we are already doing and getting our students off on the right foot from the beginning of their college experience
 - This also comes with 1st year programs and career advising efforts
 - Pitt States Goal became persistence in helping keeping our students here on campus
 - People will be trained to help with different aspects of students lives and help with some emergency response protocol situations (intervention artists)
- KBOR is creating a Data Dashboard that will be implemented into their website
 - Looking at hard data to help with decision making
 - KBOR seminars this month
 - Bring consistent terminology to regent institutions
 - Adding data positions to PSU
- RPK/ROI survey
 - 355 duplicate programs across the regent institutions
 - Causes us to ask questions and determine that reasons we offer those programs
 - Workload comparison from institution to institution
- State has shut down TikTok services through the system (on state devices)
 - Security is the top issue noted from KBOR
 - The question Dr. Smith proposed to UPS is how is it different than other social media and how can we pivot?
- Dr. Smith encouraged UPS to read the Daily Updates because it is the single source with the right communication coming out from PSU
- Kelce College of Business
 - Dr. Smith expressed how fund raising has occurred over an 11-year period, and if we can't sell the idea of a renovated Kelce in that period of time, is it a viable idea
 - Dr. Smith stated that donors would be more willing to give if it have a "Double bang for your buck" if it impacts the community and the university

- A proposal has been submitted to KBOR about a downtown location, adjacent to Block22 for a new Kelce College of Business with the Besse Hotel becoming student housing. KBOR has approved of this transition but waiting on funding.
- Dr. Smith stated that a realistic timeline would be a 4-year deadline, but 3 years is the goal
- The College of Technology Dean process is ongoing
- They are looking to hire an Associate Provost. With all the initiatives that are beginning to start, this position will be crucial in ensuring the success of those opportunities for Pitt State. They will also be looking at hiring interns to take on specific projects.
- TAC is transitioning now into creating the next strategic plan. Dr. Shipp has been meeting with different constituent groups.
- Appreciates our presence. Reminded us that this information needs to be shared out but gave the clause that if better data comes in, we will change our direction, to better the system!

Secretary Elizabeth Gier read the minutes from the December 7, 2023 meeting. A motion was made by Brad Wells to accept the minutes as ready and a second was given by Michel Wooldrum. The minutes were approved as written

There were no ex-officio reports as none were present.

Committee Reports

Parking- met in December, 11 appeals, 9 denied, 2 approved

Elections- met and are ready for the April Election

Bylaws- Tammy brought up who can qualify and does not qualify as UPS might need to be revised

Communications- no report

Professional Development- no new applications, new ideas to get people interested, another push will be done!

Officer Reports

President-

- Talked about what she presented to _____

Old Business

- Tammy opened the floor for interest in a satisfaction survey sub-committee. This sub-committee would be looking at the information that has been put out from the surveys and creating ideas to improve Pitt State. Michael Wooldrum and Elizabeth Gier volunteered.
 - A question was raised about if the president's office wanted to be a part of that process? Tammy is meeting with Dr. Shipp tomorrow (1/6) to get clarification.
 - Michael asked if there would be coordination across the system with the results? He said that presenting a united front to KBOR to take forward (to legislation)

across the system and not just PSU specific. He also mentioned that he interpreted some stark differences between USS and UPS.

New Business

President Tammy Higgins presented the new slate of officers to the group. The new slate of officers presented are:

- President- Greg Belcher
- President Elect- Kelly Manley
- Secretary- Elizabeth Gier
- Treasurer- Rachel Schenker

Tammy asked if there was Any nominations from the floor. No new nominations were given. Mary Jo Meier motioned to confirm slate as presented and Brad Wells seconded that motion. Motion carried

Phil Carr replacing Darian Westerfield

Next Speaker- Dr. Mary Carol , Arts and Sciences

Motion to adjourn at 3:21 pm by Tammy Higgins and seconded by Mary Jo Meier, motion passed.