

UPS General Body Meeting, 2/1

Call to order: Tammy, 2:00pm

Guest Speak 1: Dr. Mary Carol

- She is the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences whose here for the benefit of our students. They've gone through a reorganization over the last few years which had been talked about it for years and they finally did it. The went to having 4 schools: Science and Mathematics (Physics joined Mathematics), Biology and Chemistry, Humanities and Fine Arts and History, Philosophy, and Social Sciences. Military Science is still a department. They house the only Doctoral program at Pitt State. They are excited about the "Simulation Hospital" which should be done this summer (2023).

Guest Speak 2: Dr Dan Shipp

- As promised to the campus, 70 people participated in the Transition Advisory Council. This council met 2 hours/week for 16 weeks and was comprised of Faculty/Staff/Student/Community partners with the goal of Listening and learning together
 - Dr. Shipp feels much better prepared today to act as your president than when he came on
 - He hopes to get to know our plan and serve the campus well
 - He is still learning a lot from others and along the way what people are doing around the campus
 - Building connections and sharing projects and initiatives
 - They have taken what they learned and pulled it together into a Strategic Plan with the sunset of old plan in 2022, and the sunrise of new plan starting in 2023
 - He talked about how they are currently on version 15 and how they plan to get the information out to the entire campus by the end of the month of February.

Reading of the January 6, 2023 minutes by secretary Elizabeth Gier. Mary Jo Meier motioned for the acceptance of the minutes, Michael Woodrum seconded motion. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Ex Officio Reports-

Student Government- not present

Faculty Senate- This group met on 1/23. Dr. Shipp came and talked about the strategic plan, Honors College subcommittee, Pitt State Pathway on hold at this point in time with an implementation goal of W/F 2024, but it can start before that. The goal is transferability amongst the KBOR system.

Support Staff Senate- Dr Shipp came and talked about the strategic plan, climate survey sub committee 1st meeting is next week, employee recognition on campus is a priority for Dr. Shipp, service awards ceremony in March, some other things happening in the Fall, several things in the works to appreciate the staff

Leadership Team- not present

Old Business

Survey Sub-Committee will start meeting soon.

Committee Reports

Parking- no meeting

Elections- haven't met, March, 3 vacancies, 2 rolling off, 1 not returning, let Tammy know if you plan on not returning, email sent, follow up by 2/14

Pro Devo committee- 6 applications in last 2 weeks, no meeting yet to award them, we have enough to award 8

Communications- no update

New Business

- Tammy brought up the questions of: What is the purpose behind UPS?
 - Tammy stated that the senators has the responsibility to bring info in and take info out
 - We invite "Ex Officio" members to bring different aspects to our group and Guest speakers to update us about what is happening in their area on campus
 - The issues and concerns that are brought up can be taken to administration during the presidents monthly meetings with the University President.
 - Tammy reminded the group that UPS is not a change making group like Faculty Senate. The main goal is gathering information and being a voice to upper administrators for UPS.
 - If you'd like to discuss something, please reach out to an exec to have it added to the agenda. Senators are advocates for other UPS individuals.
 - A question was raised as to what kind of presence do we have to presidents and KBOR groups? The asker added that not just having representation just on campus but to the larger groups and they were concerned if we don't have those types of relationships and conversations what impact that will have on our campus.
 - Tammy and Mary Jo reported that that was removed from KBOR meetings, but that aspect is still part of council of presidents
 - Tammy explained that UPS has have to get special permission to get in front of those groups

Nothing else was reported for the good of the order

Motion to adjourn at 3:03pm by Michael Woodrum and the second was given by Greg Belcher.