

3.1.23 UPS Senate Meeting

Called to Order at 2:03pm, Jamie Rink, Tom Hoyt 2nd

Special Guest: Dr. Paul Grimes

- Dr. Grimes spent his time speaking to the group about details with the Downtown Project/Kelce College of Business. Dr. Grimes mentioned that in 2020 PSU decided to pull paperwork back from Topeka during pandemic. After things settled down, they went back after the project and something that was supposed to be around \$12M crept up to \$17-18M then up to \$30M when it was all said and done. Things were put on pause again until a new president arrived to campus. Came up with a Plan B once Dr. Shipp arrived to campus. The architectural company took designs for on campus space to downtown space, recalibrated it, keeping the historic columns in the front. Historic Bess Hotel, add additional beds to housing units already at Block22, 60-75+ more beds
- They have received \$12.5M in funding from the State of Kansas if it went downtown because of the type of funding that we received. Additional donors have come up to help get the funding. There is a 1 to 3 match, state putting up \$12.5, which means we have to raise 3x that to make it work.
- Dr. Shipp is calling it the “Downtown Educational Enterprise District” or “Gorilla Rising” for short.
- Kelce College of Business would be the anchor with a lot of synergy with the Colonial Fox.
- Biggest question has been how to get people back and forth from campus to downtown?
 - Creating greenspace along Elm Street
- Curriculum and taking advantage of site downtown
 - Living Learning Community with the Besse Hotel
 - Students in the downtown district working and taking classes downtown
 - Gen Ed package classes will continue offering freshman and sophomore courses on main campus
 - Faculty have a “hotel-ing” space on campus to work during designated office hours to help serve students
 - Make a bigger deal out of being accepted into the Kelce College of Business
 - Kelce Core
 - Bigger transition and recognition
 - Graduate courses downtown
- Creating 2 new programs
 - Supply chain management
 - Entrepreneurship
- A question was asked about moving IT?
 - If they tore down “College High” they’d probably leave the old gym.
- There is a 3 year timeline for this project, but most likely 4 years

The minutes were read by Secretary, Elizabeth Gier, Mary Jo Meier motioned to approved as read, Tom Hoyt seconded motion, motion carried.

Ex Officio-
Student Government-

- Elections coming up, 3/6-8, Gorilla Engage with results announced around spring break
- Big Event is planned for 4/1. It is the 20th year so some big things are planned to celebrate from donors around town.
- Fees are being raising back to where they were pre-covid
- Higher Education Day in Topeka occurred

Faculty Senate-

- Met 2/27
- Move forward for Pitt State Pathway, will align with KBOR, to begin W/F 2024
- Professional Devo Funds
 - Faculty on tenure track, allocated \$, discussing ways for people to request money a 2nd time if able

Support Staff

- Elections
- Members participating in the “Staff Satisfaction Survey Committee”

New Business

- Look over the draft document Elizabeth sent out with info from the “Staff Satisfaction Survey Committee”
- Dr. Shipp will be hosting “Town Hall” meetings happening end of March early April
- Elections
 - Secretary position open for next year
- VOYA Scholarship
 - Updated and on website
 - 3/15 deadline

Senate Committee Reports

Parking- no representative

Elections- met with HR and Presidents Office to get lists of who is eligible to be on the ballot, There will be 9 Senator openings for 23-24, Tammy will meet with Tom Hoyt to create ballot

Bylaws- nothing to report

Professional Development Committee- all money has been given out

Communications- working with Elections Committee

Good of the order?

- Make sure you are sharing out information from the meetings

Motion to adjourn at 3:08pm by Mary Jo Meier and seconded by Jamie Rink