

Pittsburg State University Support Staff Senate Minutes for February 13, 2019

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 1:30pm

The University Support Staff Senate welcomes all university support staff, as you do not have to be a Senator to attend

Senators Present: Debbie Barone, Carrol Bell, Terri Blessent, Rick Clutter, Tim James, Diane Letner, Woody Lopez, Jeannice Parker, Stephanie Willis, Tish Potter, Mary Wolfe, and Michael Woodrum,

Senators Absent: Barb Barto, Janelle Cowan, Betty Geier, Tim James, Russel Parsons, Terry Pierce, Stephanie Willis

Opening of Meeting

Meeting called to order by Senate President Michael Woodrum at 1:33pm

Guests: Dr. Steve Erwin and Sara Peak

Guest Speakers:

Dr. Steve Scott

- Compliments to Michael Woodrum for excellence in filling USS Senate Presidency
- Position Classifications- mechanism to discuss individual cases and appeals are rolling out
- All USS employees are encouraged to attend each Town Hall (Friday) and Convocation Meeting
- Stated how important USS employees are
- Enrollment still a big concern and responsibility falls on each of us to be a part of marketing the university
- Barb Barto is representing USS and PSU on advisory committee for Health Care
 - budget concerns due to the 2.2 million increase in 10 years (for both employee and PSU) and the sense of loss of coverage
- Appreciate all those who participated in the confidentially facilitated *Ethic Hot Line* survey
- 2.5 % raise passed for state employees to include higher education employees
 - PSU has managed 35% increase in running the university and is currently discussing ways to handle the amount not covered by state

Shawn Naccarato

- Town Hall Meeting to cover legislative actions affecting PSU and employees
- PSU advocating for unified approach to restoration of 3.5-5 million
- KPER fund recovery passed House but has not been approved or vetoed and some USSS discussion ensued. Encouraged to watch and speak to legislators
- Issue: Sales tax to internet usage to increase state income
- Issue: Sales tax on textbooks
- Block 22
 - Parking space not a problem
 - Co-working space launched and 10 business signed up to use space
 - Restaurants secured and scheduled to move in
 - Investment a success creating jobs, providing additional housing, and has also received national attention
 - Spring target to allow community tours

Review of Meeting Minutes

Minutes reviewed and approved

1. Treasurer's Report

- **Budget Account:** Beginning Balance: January 2019 Balance \$2,130.17
Expenditures: None February 2019 Balance \$2,130.17
- **Foundation Account:** January 2019 Balance: \$38.79
Expenditures: None February 2019 Balance: \$38.79

2. Other University Reports

Faculty Senate: Cliff Morris

- Pathway project approved
- 2018-2019 focus is the General Education reform for the rest of the year

Unclassified Professional Staff: Lindell Haverstic

UPS meeting 2/6/19

- UPS officers for next year are President-elect Jason Kegler, Secretary Stephanie Swezey, and Treasurer Tim Padgett.
- UPS Executive Council hosted a casual gathering for new unclassified professional staff immediately after the Spring Convocation. We may try the same in the Fall.
- UPS Council had teleconference 2/8/19
- Emporia's UPS President-Elect is starting to participate given that he will be chairing the Council next year.

3. Committee Reports

- A. Elections: Jeannice Parker - 3 At-Large seats open
- B. Student Health Fees Council: Carrol Bell - Meet February 19th
- C. Welcoming Committee: Diane Letner - No Report
- D. Public Relations: Debbie Barone - No Report
- E. Parking Committee: Tish Potter- No report
- F. Board of Governance Committee: Michael Woodrum – Meeting Friday to review student fees
- G. Strategic Planning Committee: Terri Blessent - No Report
- H. Information Technology Council: Diane Letner –
 - a. Security policies – up dating requirements
 - b. IT employees working on Pathways project
 - c. Continuing survey of campus computer labs
- I. Campus Safety and Security Task Force: Russel Parsons- Not Available
- J. Outstanding Senior Committee: Tish Potter – Extended nomination period on student submission
- K. Golden Gorilla Review Committee: Mary Wolfe – Student Applications due Feb. 14th at noon
- L. Voya Outstanding Employee Award: Michael Woodrum/Rick Clutter – UPS AND USS Recipients selected
- M. Bylaws: Terry Pierce, Michael Woodrum, and Rick Clutter: Not met yet

6. USS Council Conference Call: Next Schedule: Tuesday, March 5th @ 10:30am

- Moving forward with rephrasing the questionnaire for Docking Institute
- KU dealing with \$20 million budget cut and are not participating in climate survey
- WS honors college expanding and new dorms expected in August 2019
- FH new Student Success Center in future
- E because of unclassified transitions needs a new Council representative

4. Old Business: None addressed

5. New Business: USS Senate Coffee (Recruitment) to be schedule in April: Committee – Rick Clutter, Jeannice Parker, and Stephanie Willis

8. Good of the Order:

- *Student Employee of the Year* Nominations due February 14, 2019 Kim Hull will extend until Friday if needed. Nine Nominations received to date.
- Legislative Town Hall – This Friday, Feb. 15th at 1:00 pm, Ballroom C
- Monday, March 4th is Apple Day Convocation @ 3:00 pm in the Ballroom
- Next Senate Meeting Date: March 13th, 1:30 pm, Meadowlark Room

Adjournment: 2:48 pm