

# University Staff Senate

April 18, 2023

Via TEAMS only

## MINUTES-revised

Present: J. Almquist, J. Azinger, E. Cochrane, P. Dixon, G. Dukes, G. Henion, S. Kennedy, T. Nation, C. Parks, K. Premeau, L. Ramsey, P. Reilly, R. Sauers, T. Steffan, K. Valerius, M. Vallejo, R. Wahl, C. Warneke, A.J. Williams, L. Wieczorek, S. Wirka

Absent: A. Fischer, C. Fitzpatric, P. Geraci, K. Harris, C. Kremer, P. Smith, W. Wendt

Guests: M. Mone, D. Venugopalan

- I. Call to Order-The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.
- II. Approval of minutes for February 21, 2023-The minutes were approved as submitted via autoconsent.
- III. Chancellor Update-The Chancellor updated the Senate.
  - UW System has approved a tuition increase to help with the budget and operations.
  - Pay plan has been approved by the System and will be sent with the budget requests to the Legislature for approval. It was asked as an 8% increase. It is expected to be 5% year 1 and 3% increase year 2.
  - The Tuition Promise funding will be funded by System which offset the costs for this program. This will help this program move forward.
  - Working on a bill to increase funding in Health Sciences and other critical fields to increase funding.
- IV. Accreditation Presentation-D. Venugopalan-The accreditation report was presented. The Higher Learning Commission will be on campus for feedback from Governance Groups for accreditation. Everyone is encouraged to attend. An email will be sent with further information about the feedback forum to all the Governance Groups.
- V. SAAP 11-2 Elimination-The SAAP elimination was approved with no changes via autoconsent.
- VI. Chair Update-G. Dukes updated the Senate-
  - Recognition of former Chair S. Yasaitis being planned for June Senate meeting. It will be in person. L. Eastman will get room. G. Dukes coordinating recognition.
    - S. Yasaitis has been granted Emerit Status from Campus.
    - Discussion ensued about nominating S. Yasaitis for Spaight's Plaza Award
  - Exit Interview form feedback has been requested by Human Resources. Please send to G. Dukes.
- VII. Elections update-L. Eastman-One more reminder will go out. There has been 15% return rate which is about the average for Election results. L. Eastman will share results with the Senate at the May meeting. If there are any election needs nominations from the floor will be taken then.

- VIII. Proposed Schedule for 23-24-L. Eastman-shared the proposed schedule. She will adjust the dates to match the third Tuesday of the month at 10 am. The Senate discussed in person meetings. It was decided that the June meeting will be in person and the rest will be virtual. L. Eastman will confirm a date for the June meeting to accommodate the incoming Senators.
- IX. Awards update-L. Eastman was able to update the Senate on the Awards committee. Nominees were forwarded to the Chancellor and the Secretary of the University's office for recognition at the Fall Awards Ceremony. No nominees were received for the Regent's awards. The Awards committee will discuss better advertising of the Regents' Awards for next year over their Summer meetings.
- X. Committee/Member Reports-
- Pay Progression Workgroup-K. Premeau-The committee is finishing up their work and will share their report with campus hopefully by the end of the Semester.
  - Grievance Committee-K. Valerius-No Grievances to report.
- XI. New/Other Business-S. Yasaitis recognition-Looking to get a Proclamation from the Governor and perhaps the Regents or Senate. Recognition will be at the June meeting. L. Eastman will look for a larger room to accommodate guests.

There was no other new business

- XII. Adjournment-The meeting was adjourned at 11:46 p.m.

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