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Meeting of May 18, 2021 Agenda

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USS & UP Joint Senate Meeting

9:30-11 a.m. May 18, 2021 via Zoom

I. Call to Order

- a. Minutes Approval Process – Electronic
- b. Committee Reports/Updates – Submitted in Advance

II. Old Business for USS & UP Senates

a. Shared Governance Activities

i. Parking and Transportation Advisory Board

1. SGA is creating an advisory board to address concerns and find solutions around parking and transportation services on campus. The advisory board will be made up of representatives from Faculty and Staff Senates, Office of Student Affairs, Office of Finance and Administration, parking services, Office of General Counsel, police department, facilities planning, YMCA, student advocate and current students. Katie Austin is a newly elected senator and will be our representative on this board over the next year.

ii. COVID Operations Group

1. Meets weekly. Will provide most recent update during Senate meeting.

iii. Shared Governance Visioning Team

1. Policy has been endorsed by UP, USS and Faculty Senate, and SGA. It will be presented to the President's Executive Team for review this month.

III. New Business for USS & UP Senates

a. Speaker: Dr. Mark Vermillion, Chair of Athletics Policy and Culture Task Force

b. Speaker: Shelly Coleman-Martins, Vice President of Strategic Communications and Marketing

c. At-large Senator selections

d. Senate awards and yearly recap/highlights

IV. Committee Updates & Discussions

a. Committees

i. Awards/Acknowledgment (Joint) & Staff Recognition Task Force

1. No updates at this time.

ii. Communication and Website (Joint)

1. The [award webpage](#) has been updated to include the names of the 2021 Distinguished Service Award winners.
2. Discussions have begun with Strategic Communication on the website transition from UP and USS Senate webpages to one Staff Senate webpage.

iii. Election

1. Election for the exempt and non-exempt senators is complete. 14.38% of exempt and 10.37% of non-exempt staff who were eligible to vote participated this year. There was an issue early in the voting that Kevin Crabtree quickly corrected.
2. At-large senators will be voted on at May meeting.
 - a. Exempt senators (2-year term) elected by staff via electronic vote:
 - i. Katie Austin
 - ii. Jason Bosch
 - iii. Kennedy Rogers
 - b. Non-exempt senators (2-year term) elected by staff via electronic vote:
 - i. Angela Aubrey
 - ii. Johnetta Buchanan-Spachek

- iii. Denise Gimlin
- iv. Marissa Kouns
- v. Ali Levine
- vi. Angela Linder
- vii. Kendra Nguyen
- viii. Sara Rue
- ix. Jessica Walles

iv. Organizational Governance (Joint)

- 1. No updates at this time.

v. Policy Review (Joint)

- 1. No policies to review for feedback but received several updated policies as informational items:
 - a. 9.07 – Direct and Indirect Costs
 - b. 19.15 – Software copying
 - c. 19.17 – ITS Computer Hardware Procurement Policy

vi. Professional Development and Service (Joint)

- 1. The professional development and service committee is working on a possible event to welcome staff back to campus on June 4. More information should be coming out in WSU today as the event details are finalized.

b. Campus/University Business Meeting Updates

i. AOC (UP Representative)

- 1. No update at this time.

ii. Budget Advisory Committee (Joint)

- 1. WSU is not planning to request a tuition rate increase for FY 2022. Currently projecting a \$4.3 million GU shortfall, which is a 3% budget reduction, and divisions will determine how to spread this among colleges/departments. This amount could change as we learn more about state funding.

iii. Human Resources Meeting (Joint)

- 1. HR has received questions since the market-based compensation town hall. The FAQ online continue to be updated with information. Leaders have been sent job mapping spreadsheets (job description and title) for their direct reports and are to share this with employees.

iv. Legislative Update (Joint)

- 1. SB 55 (formerly SB 208, Fairness in Women’s Sports Act) – Prohibited biological males from participating in women’s sports. The Senate failed to override the Governor’s veto so that should be dead for this year.
- 2. HB 2058 – Extending the conceal and carry age to 18 with a permit was vetoed by the Governor but was overridden by the House narrowly today followed by the Senate and will become law.
- 3. HB 2007 – Contained a section adding \$10M for deferred maintenance for universities but was vetoed by the Governor in favor of using federal funds in place of State funds. The House overrode the Governor’s line-item veto. At this time, the Senate has not yet attempted to take up this veto override.
- 4. Maintenance of Effort – Division of Budget late last night sent a memo to the Governor and legislators stating the State currently is underfunding higher education in the amount of \$106M which means if the legislature does not increase higher education’s budget for the next two fiscal years, they could potentially have to send back all of the federal COVID money we have received. This is problematic given that session is ending. Everyone acknowledges it’s an issue that needs to be addressed but need more time to plan. There could be a need for a special session.
- 5. Zach Gearhart provides a written update to be shared the end of the week of each week. To read an in-depth update and past updates, visit the WSU Government Relations webpage: <https://wsugovrel.wordpress.com/>.

v. Library Appeals (Joint, Representative from Each Senate)

- 1. No updates at this time.

vi. Parking Appeals (Joint, Representative from Each Senate)

1. Have started seeing more Appeals again. Most are students parking without an ePermit or not updating their tag information.
- vii. **President Meeting (Joint with UP & USS Senate Presidents)**
 - 1.
- viii. **RSC Board of Directors (Joint, Representative from Each Senate)**
 1. No updates at this time. The next meeting is scheduled for June 3.
- ix. **Traffic Appeals (Joint, Representative from Each Senate)**
 1. Have received an appeal that is being considered.
- x. **UPS President's Council (UP) and USS President's Council (USS)**
 1. UPS Council: Discussed year-end report for KBOR. Discussed what each school is allowing in terms of work travel and sentiments on each campus as more employees prepare to return to working on campus.
 2. USS Council: No updates at this time.

V. Ex-Officio Reports

- a. **Athletics**
- b. **Alumni Association**
- c. **Foundation**
- d. **President's Diversity Council**
- e. **Student Government Association**

VI. As May Arise

- a. **Upcoming Meetings:**
 - i. **3:30-4:30 p.m. Thursday, May 13 – University Town Hall**
 - ii. **9:30-11 a.m. Tuesday, June 15, 2021 – UP/USS Senate Meeting**

VII. Adjourn