

# **FHSU STAFF SENATE**

## **Meeting Minutes**

July 14, 2020

Zoom Meeting-1:30pm

- I. President Jennifer Whitmer called the meeting to order at 1:34pm
- II. Roll Call of Members
  - a) **Present** – Jennifer Whitmer, Nicole Frank, Pam Groff, Jan Schmidtberger, Staci DeWild, Falynn Rogers, Liz Atwater, Diana Staab, Debbie Allen, Bob Duffy, Lisa Lang, Lacey Wegner, Jenna Niblock, Mark Grieve
  - b) **Absent**: Stephanie Johnson, Lisa Morgan, Donna Augustine
  - c) **Guests**: Amy Gregg
- III. Approval of minutes: A correction was made to section X. New Business a) USSC conference call iii. KU has a hiring freeze, approved dependent commissions. Corrected to: iii. KU has a hiring freeze, approved dependent tuition. A motion was made by Bob Duffy and seconded by Pam Groff to approve the meeting minutes from May 12, 2020 as corrected. The motion was carried.
- IV. Treasurers Report: \$953.90 in the foundation account for scholarships. Planning to award scholarship for Spring 2021.
- V. Social Report: nothing to report
- VI. Orientation Report: 2/23/20-6/13/2020
  - a) No longer with FHSU: Cheryl Schmeidler, Debra Schuler, Bev Schmeidler, Luis Castro, Aaron Rucker, Jacob Ternes, Amanda Plante, Jason Jordan, Susan Bartlett, Maureen Duffy, Mary Ridgway, Charles Thompson, Jared Ridder, Haley Gomes, MacKenzie Foster, Ashley Stegall, Alaina Becker, Brian Shinn, Kurt Beyers, Wayne Gerstner, Jeffrey Augustine, Debra Prideaux, Kenton Russell, Kirby Bartlett
  - b) New to FHSU: Jacob Dietrich, Mimi Gallagher, Lujena Peters-Howell, Heather Kuhn, Jennifer Thompson, Michelle Yohe, Sarah Nattier, Jennifer McClure, Tammy Wellbrock
- VII. Cabinet Update: Jennifer reported:
  - a) Tammy Wellbrock has been hired as the Interim Alumni Director.
  - b) Brett Gerber has been hired as the Internal Auditor.
  - c) August convocation will mirror spring convocation with information being shared via a website and a live event to present the award recipients.
  - d) New course notations for on campus courses will be completed by July 1. Only select classes will be face to face and those will have to be completed by October 8<sup>th</sup>. All the rest of the F2F classes will either be Hybrid or Totally Online.
  - e) Student Residential Life has announced its plan for the upcoming Fall 2020 semester. Details of the plan can be found on the COVID website. Res Life will not be asking for volunteers this year during move-in
  - f) The Health Care Commission voted to reduce the number of HealthQuest credits required for eligible members enrolled in the State Employee Health Plan to receive the 2021

premium incentive discount. The credit requirement was reduced from 40 to 20, and HAS/HRA dollars awarded for each Health Quest credit completed has been increased from \$10 to \$20 per credit up to the maximum of \$500 per semester. This change applies only to the 2020 plan year.

- g) Summer enrollment is up 2%
- h) As of 6-22-20 for fall we are down 6.85%
- i) Sports schedules of all sports have been modified by the NCAA and are reducing dates/games of competition.

VIII. Old Business- none

IX. New business

- a) UPS & USS Joint meeting June 10, 2020
  - i. The goal of the meeting was to recap 19-20 and to identify items to carry into the 20-21 year
  - ii. The group is considering administering a satisfaction survey every 3-5 years
  - iii. We also discussed the different university senate groups and how there will be some collaboration in the future
  - iv. The topic of advocating for higher education with state legislators was discussed, but with everything going on right now it's still an unclear topic
  - v. Another topic was to have a consistent voice with KBOR from both sides: UPS Council and USS Senate
- b) USSC Conference Call – No meeting for July
- c) UPS Conference Call- No meeting for July
- d) Senate Communications- Planning to send new employees a welcome email, let them know about Staff Senate and invite them to a meeting. Staff Senate Representative to possibly attend new employee orientation.
- e) Fall Senate Meetings- August via Zoom, September will be in the MU Ballroom and zoom, October to be determined.
- f) Professional Development day will be August 11 via zoom 8:30 am until 1:15 pm.

X. Miscellaneous: Bob Duffy reported on the Food and Hunger Initiative has been moved back to the Forsyth Library. available to students, staff and faculty. Many items will be available from the garden.

XI. Next Meeting August 11, 2020 Zoom-1:30pm

XII. Adjournment: A motion was made by Bob Duffy and seconded by Lacey Wegner to adjourn the meeting at 1:56 PM. The motion was carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Liz Atwater  
University Staff Senate Secretary