

Staff Senate Meeting 06/07/2018

Call to Order: 2:05pm

In attendance: Andrew Holbert, Kristen Larson, Susan Hays, Kathryn Plummer, Kara Westervelt Parker, Rip Horsey, Jesse Poole, Weiwei Zhang

Absent: Tyler Dreyer, Kimber Townsend, Louann Casares, Dona Vasas

Approval of Minutes: Changes to minutes: date was incorrect on top of meeting minutes; Susan Hays was not present; Rip moved to approve minutes as amended. Kathryn seconded. 5-0-2

Approval of Agenda: Kara moves to approve minutes. Weiwei seconded. 7-0-2

Reports:

- **Shared Communications Report** -- New ASWOU president Evelyn Guzman; IFSC has already met twice and are looking into making changes to the IFC process, but didn't outline what those changes might be. Faculty senate: the BA/BS issues are still of concern and the vote has been postponed for the time being; a couple senators plan to vote it down and are asking other senators to vote it down; during the summer, faculty will be working toward developing FYE (first year experience) classes (Shaun Huston is the FYE coordinator) to start being offered Fall of 2019. Search for provost will start this fall and hopefully wrap up in winter. Senator Winters will be the commencement speaker. HECC budget proposal from all 7 4-year publics will ask for \$1 billion in funds (last budget cycle was \$736 million in funding); HECC did a tour of campus last week to look at NPE and Old PE buildings and the old Education building (it's not seismically sound, so it'll probably be torn down); consultant on campus came to explore our enrollment management strategy and looked at our proposed changes for OMA and recommended that we not move financial aid away from business and registrar's office. Erin Baumgartner is now administration, not a faculty person. VPFA search: last candidate coming on Monday; president is committed to moving quickly to close the search and name a new VPFA
- **Faculty Senate** -- There is a foundation campaign to raise \$100k in scholarships for 100 students and so far they've raised about \$70k. WOU has signed a dual admission (formerly known as dual enrollment) agreement with Mt. Hood Community College; we are close to finalizing our dual admission agreement with Linn Benton Community College. Lots of progress has been made on bringing a doctorate of physical therapy program to WOU; Oregon currently only has two DPT programs in the state, and both are at private institutions (Pacific and George Fox); there's a big market for Oregonians who want a DPT--over 1,000 apply each year for the 50 spots each at Pacific and George Fox; the program will eventually generate \$4-\$5mil in revenue for WOU; the hope is to welcome the first cohort in fall of 2022; there will have to be new buildings built to accommodate this program.
- **Student Senate Report** -- none
- **Board of Trustees Report** -- none, next meeting is July 17, 2018.

Old Business:

- **Staff Senate General Elections** -- Kathryn Plummer was re-elected into her position for the unclassified staff; Classified staff: Jessica Shumake, Kailey VanOcker, and JD Welch were elected as staff senators
- **Scholarship Update** -- Winners are Eric Frey and Erin Roan. We will send out congratulatory letters; the letters will include an invite to the winners to a staff senate meeting and we'll take pictures of the winners for website; discussion went into budgetary items; ideas were discussed about what we might want to accomplish if we had a bigger budget; staff senate will discuss more in the future.
- **Summer Meeting Schedule** -- We will hold off on setting the schedule until after the new senators are on-boarded to include their schedule constraints
- **Civility and Bullying Standards** -- Kara would like staff senate to officially support Greg's efforts; Weiwei says she supports giving support, but the document/policy itself isn't finalized and do we want to support a non-finalized version? Kara asks: What is the downside to supporting this? Kathryn: "It's too soon to support this." Andrew: "I personally support it, but it feels like it's out of our lane." Kathryn moved to Postpone to the June 21 meeting, Susan seconded. Motion passed 5-1-1.

New Business:

- **UBC Representatives** -- Katherine Schmidt reached out to us to ask if we would support retaining the current 4 members staff members. Rip says we should reach out to the renewing reps to see if they're interested.
- **Technology Committee (2 reps)** -- Weiwei will serve on the committee, whether she's appointed by Staff Senate or not; Rip will send out form to our constituencies to have someone volunteer or nominate someone to fill the 2nd spot on the Technology Committee.
- **Student Grievance and Concerns Committee (2 reps)** -- did not discuss--meeting was adjourned prior to getting to this agenda item.

Announcements:

- None--meeting was adjourned

Adjourn: Susan moves to adjourn; Andrew seconds. Motion passed 5-1-1. Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.