

FHSU STAFF SENATE

Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2020

Zoom Meeting-1:30pm

- I. President Jennifer Whitmer called the meeting to order at 1:32pm
- II. Roll Call of Members
 - a) **Present** – Jennifer Whitmer, Nicole Frank, Pam Groff, Stephanie Johnson, Jan Schmidtberger, Staci DeWild, Falynn Rogers, Liz Atwater, Diana Staab, Debbie Allen, Lisa Morgan, Bob Duffy, Lisa Lang, Lacey Wegner
 - b) **Absent**: Jenna Niblock, Donna Augustine, Kelsey Stramel, Mark Grieve
 - c) **Guests**: Kevin Splichal, Amy Gregg
- III. Approval of minutes: A motion was made by Bob Duffy and seconded by Lisa Lang to approve the meeting minutes from April 15, 2020. The motion was carried.
- IV. Treasurers Report: \$953.90 in the foundation account for scholarships. Jennifer is working with the foundation on this account and hoping we can award scholarships for the fall.
- V. Social Report: Debbie Allen will continue to send out sympathy cards to staff members with losses in their family.
- VI. Orientation Report: Jennifer reported this was not available at the time of the meeting.
- VII. Cabinet Update: Jennifer reported:
 - a) Summer camps and conferences cancelled through June 30, 2020 this includes residence halls.
 - b) Critical incident policy group is continuing to meet on the plans, policies and procedures of how and when to come back to campus.
 - c) SGA announced their new executive officers
 - d) Due to covid19 enrollment numbers are expected to be down for summer and fall.
 - e) Tuition increase was approved by SLT budget committee. Increase \$5.84 per credit hour. KBOR will go through proposals in June.
 - f) Campus construction projects are on schedule or ahead of schedule
 - g) Virtual College is changing to FHSU Online. Launch planned on June 10th.
 - h) Virtual Graduation Celebrations on June 19- email was sent out by Scott Cason
- VIII. Old Business
 - a) USSC Survey- Survey is now over a year old and focus has changed to focus on Covid19 pandemic. Plan to revisit and compare the data when we do another survey in 2-3 years.
- IX. New business
 - a) USSC Conference Call April 21st - Lisa Lang Reported
 - i. Pittsburg State University are not looking to merge USS and UPS, summer classes online, did not have a plan for fall, limited staff on campus, spending freeze, cancelled commencement

- ii. K-State are discussing combining senate, summer classes online, preparing for hybrid for fall, inviting graduates to winter graduation ceremony, list for essential student workers, furloughed positions
 - iii. KU has a hiring freeze, approved dependent ~~commissions.~~ **Tuition.** (corrected at July 14, 2020 meeting).
 - iv. FHSU- moved to market was put on hold, hiring slow down, Provost hosted sessions with faculty, plans to distribute money from cares act for students
 - v. WSU- possible 6-million-dollar short fall, tuition increase if KBOR will approve, hiring freeze, town halls with President
 - vi. ESU- many of the same issues as other Universities, continuing their discussion about combining senates
- b) UPS Conference Call: Jennifer reported
- i. WSU- have upcoming elections and have numerous people running and only 6 open spots
 - ii. UPS Council will change as of July 1, 2020- as all schools are in the electing new executive senators
 - iii. WSU host school next year and FHSU the following year
- c) Senate Communications- Jennifer's goal is to increase communication to staff to include: what we do, why we are important, updating website, posting minutes, posting more contact information, tiger daily about meeting dates and times, and utilizing the staff senate email more (staffsenate@fhsu.edu).
- X. Miscellaneous: Bob Duffy reported on the Food and Hunger Initiative- available to students, staff and faculty. Many items will be available from the garden.
- XI. Next Meeting Tuesday, June 9, 2020-Trails Room/Memorial Union/Zoom-1:30pm
- XII. Adjournment: A motion was made by Bob Duffy and seconded by Jan Schmidtberger to adjourn the meeting at 2:15 PM. The motion was carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Liz Atwater
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