

Minutes
26 September 2022
4:00 PM
University Faculty Senate
Shawnee State University

1. Call to Order

UFS President Mariah Woodward called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. Roll Taking

Secretary Sarah Ivers recorded the attendance (as follows):

Adam Miller, Eugene Burns, Thomas Piontek, Ryan Walker, Sandi Allen, Ruby Gray, Sarah Clausing, Phil Blau, Mikel Stone, Jennifer Scott, Andy Napper, and officers (Mariah Woodward, Dovel Myers, Drew Feight, James Reneau, and Sarah Ivers).

Bastien LeCouffe, Thomas Bunting, and Sandra Beam were absent.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes seconded by Andy Napper. Approved unanimously.

4. Approval of Agenda

An addition of Call for UFS-SEA Party Planning Committee Members was made. Items 11.D – 11.Q were removed and OTD7009 Item added.

Motion to accept the agenda as modified was seconded by Thomas Piontek. Approved unanimously.

5. Announcements and Remarks from the Senate President Mariah Woodward

- Minimal due to new appointment.

6. Treasurer's Report: Jim Reneau

No expenses for the year. Motion to approve by Ruby Gray, seconded by Sarah Clausing. Passed unanimously.

7. Administration Reports:

Jeff Bauer, President;

- *General Comments:*
 - WOW went well, was open to more than FF
 - Homecoming event was a success in September
 - Founder's Day Reception will be held on October 14th in the MUC Ballroom at 1 pm. This year, Jim Kadel and James Kricker were to be recognized. President Bauer invited all faculty to attend to hear the State of the University address.
 - A full schedule is running at the Vern Riffe Center for the Arts again this year. Faculty, etc. are encouraged to attend scheduled events.

- **Master Planning** will continue through the academic year (this was last updated in 2014). The new plan will take into consideration several changes in university direction. President Bauer stated that some of these changes would be “surprising”.
 - The Third Street Project is now on hold, with some parts of the project to continue and others being postponed. Intentions are still to restore a main entrance to campus.
 - Ohio Governor has set aside \$500M for Appalachian Ohio grants. This funding may result in joint collaboration between the community and SSU in an effort to connect campus more directly to downtown Portsmouth and vice versa.
 - Kricker Innovation Hub – is nearly finished and should be open by the end of the calendar year.
- **New BOT Members** were announced:
 - Mr. David Richey
 - Mr. Phillip Shaw
- **SSU Voluntary Retirement Incentive Program** closed last Monday for applications. Three faculty applied, several staff also applied.
- **US News and World Report Rankings:** SSU was placed in both and given high rankings in social mobility.
- **Enrollment Update:**
 - FF and Transfer Students up 20% and 16% respectively.
 - CCP Students up 20%
 - Graduate Students up 12%
 - Continuing Enrollment (retention) was decreased by 9% (150 students)
 - *This decrease resulted in a predicted \$1M revenue drop for budget projects. This revenue decline is in addition to the deficient currently in existence.*
 - *Accordingly: non-compensation spending restrictions will apply again this year and a soft-hiring freeze will be put in place. A plan to address this situation will be presented to the BOT meeting in November.*

Sunil Ahuja, Provost

- **Academic Portfolio:** Will be having a data session with Faculty to study program level trendlines and receive feedback. This will tentatively take place November 9th from 1:00 – 2:30 pm. (see email)
- Taskforce has been assembled to address poor **retention and completion** rates (this has equal importance with enrollment). Dr. Jennifer Pauley (Associate Provost) will be leading this effort.
 - Retention is calculated year to year by classes:
 - 68.6% - 68.8% in FF retention last year
 - 63.5% retention in same group this year
 - Completion rate: 31% prior year (6-year Bachelorette) – increased to 33% last year
- **HLC Mid Cycle Review** will be held in 5 months. This is being led by Marc Scott. Currently, the review report is in draft phase.
- Autumn **Commencement** will take place December 10th as an indoor ceremony. Still in need of a commencement speaker – Provost office is open to accepting suggestions (please email).
- Per the **UFS Program Metrics Policy** – data should be shared on a yearly basis (established in 2017), however no reports have been shared to date. This year, Matthew Crawford is working in conjunction with the Provost Office to make this data available to UFS. In subsequent years, Provost Sunil intends to make the data available to UFS each September.

8. Announcements from the Senate Floor

- **ODHE Low Enrollment/Duplicate Programs Report Draft Shared:**
 - 5-year report, data is provided by the state and SSU responds accordingly.
 - Ohio University is the only institution considered for assessment of duplicative programs
 - **Provost Sunil:** open to allowing wide institutional support to shape this report
 - Some discussion took place, it is noted that the report and the restructuring plans are not connected. Some programs on the report are included simply as clean up to remove previously warehoused or closed programs. Metric reports for programs should be available by next UFS meeting.
Report Draft is shared along with meeting minutes.

- Call for volunteers for **UFS-SEA Party Committee**. Sandi Allen accepted, email will be sent to faculty body to recruit additional volunteer.
 - Party to be held tentatively early Spring 2023

9. Committee and Director Reports

No Reports.

10. Unfinished Business

None

11. New Business

All course and program proposals 11.A- 11.C + OTD7009 were proposed to be bundled. Jim Reneau motioned to bundle. Phil Blau seconded the motion for bundling and it was approved unanimously. No discussion. Mikel Stone motioned to approve the bundled items; this was seconded by Thomas Piontek. The approval of the bundle items passed unanimously.

12. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn from Dovel Myers, seconded by Jennifer Scott. All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned.