

Minutes
23 January 2023
4:00 PM (via Teams)
University Faculty Senate
Shawnee State University

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Taking

Secretary Sarah Ivers recorded the attendance as follows:

Thomas Piontek, Gene Burns, Thomas Bunting, Sandi Allen, Mikel Stone, Jennifer Scott, Ruby Gray, Andy Napper, Sarah Clausing, Phil Blau, Ryan Walker, Adam Miller, Sandra Beam, Bastien LeCouffe, and officers (Jim Reneau, Dovel Myers, Drew Feight, Mariah Woodward, and Sarah Ivers)

3. Approval of Minutes

No changes requested, motioned by Dovel Myers for approval and seconded by Thomas Piontek. Approved unanimously.

4. Approval of Agenda

Motioned for approval by Dovel Myers, seconded by Jim Reneau. Approved unanimously.

5. Announcements and Remarks from the Senate President Mariah Woodward

None

Meeting is online because there are no Curriculog items for this meeting.

6. Treasurer's Report: Jim Reneau

Treasury is \$31 overdrawn. Spent \$300 for UFS-SEA party. Still have compensation balance until end of academic year, funds will be removed by Provost office. No motion or approval for Treasurer's report.

7. Administrative Reports:

Jeff Bauer, President –

○ **General Comments:**

- Fall Commencement, Keynote by Alumni
- Retirements: ~10 employees including 3 CPS faculty members also taking the early retirement incentive program

○ **State Wide:**

- Chancellor: recommendations for Higher Education Budgets (220+ Pages)
- Increase in OHCOG, allows expansion of free tuition program to other counties
- There has been a modest increase in SSI and State supplement due to a reactivation of Access Challenge Funds.
- Senator Activity/Bill Introductions to take notices of:

- *Diversity of Thought Bill (encourages diversity of ideas and includes a post tenure review component)*
 - *Inquiries into ways to freeze tuition*
 - *Requirement that universities publish return on investments information*
 - Master Plan: will be completed and provided to BOT at end of Fiscal Year
 - BOT will receive an architectural update on 2/10
- **Enrollment Data:**
 - Spring 2023 is short of projections
 - Related Budget Goals – reduce rates of non-compensation spending
 - implement a delay or freezing of some positions
 - 15-day enrollment numbers are up from prior year
 - increase in FF and Graduate, decrease in others (returning students)
 - University is in line for significant improvement in financial plans and status, but both are delayed

Sunil Ahuja, Provost – Absent (no report)

Jennifer Pauley, Associate Provost –

- Task Force on Retention/Completion
 - FF Survey Results: 286 Respondents (241 unique)
 - Results:
 - 37% of students spend 0 – 5 hours per week preparing for all classes
 - expressed challenges to completing a degree: financial concerns, anxiety
 - 13% said they did not feel like part of the SSU community
 - Take Away: Pre-pandemic and present differences are real (change in interests)
 - Task Force is working on process mapping exercises related to findings
- **Update on J1 (Academic Affairs Committee meetings and action):**
 - Committee continues to meet on a weekly basis (Mondays)
 - new challenges continue to arise
 - working on co-req and pre-req issues
 - actual meeting with Jenzabar staff was very useful
 - priority registration is the current focus (making this run more smoothly)
 - *Committee Members are Mariah Woodward, Paul Madden, Kim Inman, Ann Linden – should you need to reach out.*

Marc Scott – Accreditation Prep for Site Visit Presentation

- **Site Visit March 13th – 14th**
 - Visit will be conducted by 5 external reviewers from similar universities in size and mission, team members can be shared as requested
 - Several open forum meetings will occur – faculty are asked to attend these on Monday and Tuesday (as well as any meetings you have received an individual invitation too)
 - Criteria 3 and 4 are of particular importance to Faculty
 - Several workshops will be held in early March regarding the visit and preparation

8. Announcements from the Senate Floor

None

9. Committee and Director Reports

- OFC Meeting on previous Friday attended by UFS President – focused on Bylaws with the Ohio Faculty Council in collaboration with Ohio Faculty Senate
- Shared new Ohio College Teaching Consortium – developed for continuing education for specifically college educators (new opportunities)
 - several potential topics are available to register for (these will be shared by Mariah)

10. Unfinished Business

None

11. New Business

None

12. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn by Dovel Myers, seconded by Thomas Piontek. Approved unanimously and meeting was adjourned.