

Minutes

UWF Staff Senate

Meeting

via Google Meet

University of West Florida

September 12, 2023

The meeting of the UWF Staff Senate was called to order at 1:30 pm by Staff Senate President Ethan Henley.

Attendance was taken by online participants on Google Meet. The following Senators were present:

Present: Patricia Barlow, Tori Bennett, Sierra Ebert, Marisa Elmore, Gabriel Esmurdoc, Zachary Farrington, Stephanie Fenner, Jennifer Griffin, Alycia Grieco, Ethan Henley, Deb Hazen, Brooke Karas, Larry King, Jenny Makselan, Heather Seitz, Kayla Stanley, Sandra Taylor, Blythe Webster, Barbara Wells.

Proxy Attendance: Keyaundra Mobley for Angie Quenan.

Absent: Brett Haskell, Miriam Hoover, Monti Stone.

Guests: Dr. Gary Liguori – Provost and Senior Vice President; Jamie Sprague and Tony Lindberg – Human Resources; Kailan Jones; Ly Fess – University Affairs Chair – SGA.

Administrative Reports

1. Executive Report – Dr. Liguori.

- Post tenure review process ongoing in alignment with new BOG regulation. Still awaiting guidance on State Bill 266 and implication surrounding DEI.
- The BOG is working to amend the list of programs of strategic emphasis to approximately 150. This may have funding implications for some programs.
- Provost hosted a new faculty welcome event last week.
- Provost hosting recognition dinner for faculty members that were tenured or promoted.
- Be on the lookout for this year's Rite of Passage lectures.

2. Human Resources – Tony Linberg.

- Employee Relations Symposium deadline to sign up is 9/29. Event will be October 25th
- Open Enrollment: October 16th through November 3rd.
- Benefits Fair - October 17th 9:00am-2:00pm in the Conference Center

3. Approval of Minutes and Treasury Report

Motion to approve September Meeting Minutes.

Motion: Tori Bennett.

Seconded by: Alycia Grieco.

Passed unanimously.

Treasury Report – Treasurer, Brooke Karas, shared there are no changes or updates.

4. Supervisor of Elections

- Reminded Senators of their building assignments.
- Reviewed committee list. All Senators must be on at least one committee.

5. Committee Reports

- ERAP: Zach and Sierra will meet to kick off planning preparations in October. Tori and Ethan will offer consultation.
- Hand to Paw: {Blythe} Pensacola Humane Society has reopened, and we plan to partner with this organization again. The campaign will be the entire month of October with marketing materials forthcoming. They will have an Amazon Wishlist and we will accept physical and cash donations. We will utilize the Post Office to pick up the physical donations with John Hammond assisting with pickup and delivery.
- Textbook Scholarship: {Sierra} 12 applicants. Will convene the committee and have another update in October.

6. New Business

- N/A

7. Old Business

- Ethan reminded Senators to send their monthly emails and to ensure they are selecting the right buildings and refreshing their contact lists.

8. Open Forum

- Sierra provided a great presentation showcasing photos of summer activities of various Senators.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angie Quenan, Secretary

Staff Senate Executive Board

President- Ethan Henley

Vice President – Zachary Farrington

Supervisor of Elections- Sandra Taylor

Secretary- Angie Quenan

Treasurer- Brooke Karas

Senator at Large- Sierra Ebert

Communications- Marisa Elmore