

Washburn University Staff Council Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2022

Members Present – Leah Brown, Carissa Schmidlein, Christa Smith, Blaine Smith, Matt Busey, Nancy Province, Jackie Askren, James Scotti, Gayla Sarkesian, Barbara Evans

Members Not Present – Meagan Smejdir, Drew Liggett, Jennifer Bixel, Kelli Wietharn, Emily Schneider

Guests – Marsha Stromgren

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Matt Busey at 3:00pm.
- II. Roll Call
 - a. Attendance was taken by Zoom chat.
- III. Approval of February 8, 2022 Minutes (Motion)
 - a. Voting
 - i. Motion – Jackie Askren
 - ii. Second – Blaine Smith
 - iii. Votes
 1. Yay – 10
 2. Nay – 0
 3. Abstain – 0
- IV. Committee Reports:
 - a. Chair Report – Matt Busey
 - i. Matt will be scheduling another meeting with Dr. Farley, after we have formed our major initiatives for the current term
 - ii. Employee Recognition Ceremony
 1. Save the Date – scheduled for April 25, 2022 from 3:00pm-5:00pm
 2. Initial planning is underway; Matt has a meeting on Thursday this week (3/10) with the planning committee
 3. We will probably need volunteers from Staff Council to assist with the event
 - b. Board of Regents Meeting Update – Matt Busey
 - i. No meetings since last Staff Council meeting
 - ii. Next meeting scheduled for March 24, 2022
 - c. All Faculty/Staff Email/Posting Committee – Jackie Askren, Christa Smith
 - i. Mike Plum advised that they are trying to create an “opt-in” only Listerv
 - d. Benefits Committee – Jennifer Bixel, Emily Schneider, Matt Busey
 - i. Meeting scheduled for April 1, 2022 at 2:00pm

- e. Food Advisory Committee – Nancy Province
 - i. Chartwells has hired new leadership positions for Catering Services
 - ii. Faculty/Staff Appreciation Day in Lincoln Dining in early April; no specific details yet
- f. Parking Ticket Committee – Leah Brown and Blaine Smith
 - i. No Report
- g. Safety Committee – Jackie Askren
 - i. No Report

V. Old Business:

- a. Voting Resolution Support Letter
 - i. Motion – Carissa Schmidtlein
 - ii. Second – Leah Brown
 - iii. Votes
 - 1. Yay – 10
 - 2. Nay – 0
 - 3. Abstain – 0
- b. Major Initiatives for Current Session

VI. New Business:

- a. None

VII. Informational Items:

- a. Next Meeting: April 12, 2022, 3pm-4pm via Zoom Video Conference and in the Lincoln Room, Memorial Union

VIII. Adjournment (Motion)

- a. Motion – Carissa Schmidtlein
- b. Second – Blaine Smith
- c. Vote
 - i. Yay – 10
 - ii. Nay - 0
 - iii. Abstain – 0

Minutes submitted by Staff Council Secretary Meagan Smejdir.