

UNIVERSITY STAFF COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12 2021 / 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

VIA WEBEX

Members Present: Katy Aiello, Sherry Craig, Bob Grieshaber, Mary Henderson, Carol Kinsley, Julie Lee, Laura McClure, April Puryear, Heather Spencer, Jenni Wagner, Jennifer Zabel

Members Absent:

Guest:

Call to Order: 1:02 pm

Meeting Minutes Approval for July 8, 2021

Minutes approved

Welcome to New Members (first meeting)

Welcomed new members that are able to finally attend a meeting

By-Laws

Jenni and Carol did an initial “clean-up” of by-laws, nothing major. Question regarding the Capital Budget Planning Space & Sustainability Committee and whether it was still active or not. Nobody seems to know the answer to this.

Discussion about reviewing and updating the by-laws took place. It was decided that Carol, Jenni, and JZ meet to further discuss. Will present the recommended revisions/updates at our next meeting.

Meeting Venue/Format

Mask update seems to have put a damper on meeting in person. It was decided that we will take it month by month to see how it all plays out.

Ask Me

Ask Me tables will be on campus September 8 and 9 – various times and locations. This year there is a collaboration between Ask Me and Ranger Welcome. Ranger Welcome will be handing out coffee and donuts. New shirts are being ordered. Ask Me buttons and shirts can be worn by those who can't cover a table assignment. Plexiglass will be at the tables. Maps might need updating. Tutorial of what's happening in Wyllie would be nice. There apparently is an App for navigating through campus. Library also staffs a table outside of the library. CTS used to have a booth as well. Not sure if they will do something or not. Email for volunteers went out yesterday and 12 have already signed up.

COVID Update

Mask mandate on campus – not sure how long it will be in effect. Cases are going up in our community. Communication with regards to COVID seems to have diminished. There seems to be concerns regarding enforcement of mask mandate. Dean of Students came up with a policy last year but not sure how it will be handled for this year. Article on Burlington School Board with a near riot, not sure what we will be facing. Everything Bob's been reading shows those who have been vaccinated should be covered – or at least just get a milder case of it. The two testing sites are still on campus. Seems as more people are getting tested – which holds true to the increase positive numbers.

New Business

Town Hall meetings for 24th and 25th of August. Working on communication regarding those meetings.

Convocation has been cancelled.

Committee feels some communication is better than none. (Not just with regards to COVID.) Information comes out at different times – so we understand that. We also understand it is fluid and things change.

Emeritus Status – Tim Watkins approved for moving forward.

Discussion about staff emails after one retires. Some staff still have their email access. Policy 50 could have some clarification.

Also benefits of emeritus status is listed on the website. JZ will work on removing this and volunteered to be a webmaster for the committee.

Some changes happening up in the provost area. Announcements should be forthcoming.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned 2:25pm

Minutes submitted by: Jenni Wagner, Secretary