

**UNIVERSITY STAFF COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

THURSDAY JUNE 11, 2020 / 1:00 – 2:30 PM

VIA WEBEX

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**Members Present:** Amy Chostner, Bob Grieshaber, Jared Holloway, Carol Kinsley, Julie Lee, Laura McClure, Cindy Sobczak, Jenni Wagner, Amanda Welbon, Ashi Yusuf

**Members Absent:** April Puryear

**Call to Order:** 1:03 pm by Amy

**Meeting Minutes May 14, 2020**

Julie moved to approve the May 14 meeting minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ashi, the motion passes unanimously. Carol will upload approved minutes into SharePoint.

**Election - Welcome new members & Replacement for Beverly Graves**

Amy welcomed the re-elected members Bob and April and new members Laura McClure and Jenni Wagner. Also, Beverly is now working for UW Shared Services and had to resign. As Jared Holloway was next highest vote getter in the election, he will be serving the remainder of her term.

**UW Shared Governance Meetings/UW System President Selection**

Amy shared a letter from Jeremy Johanski of the UW System University Staff Reps that requested that the Board of Regents reopen the hiring process for the System President with more candidates and more shared governance representation. Amy asked for our feedback. We discussed the letter. A motion was made to abstain from formally endorsing the letter. Motion passed unanimously.

**University Staff Distinguished Service Awards**

Amy was contacted by the Chancellor's Office requesting names of the University Staff service award winners. They want to announce it at Convocation. At last month's meeting our committee had voted to postpone the 2019-2020 University Staff Distinguished Service Award process until September. There was lengthy discussion on how to include furloughed staff in this process. Amy texted Sheronda to see if the committee can contact the people on furlough, perhaps by mailing packets. Sheronda responded that we could. Cindy is on the subcommittee so she will get the list of University Staff from Chris Heilgeist and will also look into the procedure, which is on Sharepoint. Julie and others volunteered to assist her.

## **What can USC do against Racial and other forms of discrimination**

The recent Black Lives Matter protests have brought awareness to systematic racism, and the USC wants to support the movement. It was agreed that action is difficult in this virtual climate, if we were together there is more we could do. The University does have required trainings for various topics, but nothing for racism. Amy will see if there will be a larger, campus-wide movement and bring ideas back to the committee of ways we can help.

## **New Business**

Julie had emailed out the results of the Ranger Restart Survey. The survey showed people's various concerns and also indicated that many of the respondents are not comfortable returning to campus. Bob pointed out that training and communication is needed so people know how to stay safe.

April was not at this meeting, but we do need to discuss the "Ask Me" tables at our next meeting, it will be added to the July agenda.

We also need to have nominations and election of new Officers at the July meeting.

**Adjournment:** At 2:23 the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Carol Kinsley, Secretary