

UNIVERSITY STAFF COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 10, 2020 / 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

VIA WEBEX

Members Present: Katy Aiello, Amy Chostner, Sherry Craig, Bob Grieshaber, Jared Halloway, Carol Kinsley, Julie Lee, Laura McClure, April Puryear, Jenni Wagner, Amanda Welbon

Members Absent: None

Call to Order: 1:05am (Amy and Julie)

Meeting Minutes August 11, 2020

Amy moved to approve and Julie 2nd

President Thompson Weekly Meetings

Governance is meeting with President Thompson weekly. UW-Madison is back to online/virtual for two weeks due to high number of cases. After Thanksgiving will also be virtual/online. Additional funding is being sought for testing (we will probably be partnering with Aurora) and for additional PPE. Weekly meetings are getting shorter. Additional programs with prisons are being developed to reform prisoners and turn them into graduates.

COVID

On campus testing started yesterday. Currently we have minimal cases on campus. Students seem to be complying with regards to face coverings. The bigger issue could be social distancing. Campus cases are listed on website (dashboard) which gets updated weekly. Bob showed the group a mask with a clear front, which was just received on campus. He also showed the group a face shield which has added coverage. Both are available to be ordered for usage on campus.

Webpage Updates

Julie did update the webpage. Please review and let her know if there is anything else that should be done. Email Julie if any changes need to be made.

Ask Me Review

Thanks to all who volunteered. There were only 2 locations this year – a table by the bookstore and the RITA box office. Not many masks were handed out, as most students were wearing them. We were unable to staff Molinaro (which is often a hub for questions/issues). Amy thanked April for pulling this together this year, amid all the uncertainty.

Administration did a few days of “campus greeters.” It seemed like a nice gesture to have a physical and visible presence of staff for the students.

Holiday Tree

Maybe early to talk about this – but Julie felt we should discuss whether we want to do this or not. Possible issues and/or concerns: COVID, commencement, and Wyllie construction. There should be more insight into commencement after the Commencement Committee meeting in October. Julie will email John Bruch regarding construction in Wyllie. We will table this discussion until our November meeting.

New Business

Working from home/on campus: Seems as if there are a lot of people still working from home. Each department seems to be deciding how each area should be covered. Most departments like to have some sort of presence on campus, with most areas staggering schedules.

Benefits: Open Enrollment starts the last week of this month. There won't be a benefits fair this year. Vendors are setting up webinars to handle changes, etc. It doesn't seem as if there are any huge changes but there will be a premium increase.

Vacation carryover: As of now, University Staff are allowed to carry over one full year. The only concern at this moment would be for vacation carried over from last year. If anyone has any vacation they will not use and they would like to donate it, please email Amy. Personal holidays do not carry over.

Two percent wage increase: Nothing concrete has been announced at this time.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 1:48pm

Minutes submitted by: Jenni Wagner, Secretary