

Minutes

UWF Staff Senate

Meeting

via Google Meet

University of West Florida

April 13, 2021

The meeting of the UWF Staff Senate was called to order at 1:31 pm by Staff Senate President Alycia Grieco.

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

Present: Zachary Farrington, Alycia Grieco, Brooke Karas, Deborah Cluff, Elizabeth Bennett, Gabriel Esmurdoc, Jamie Sprague, Jennifer Griffin, Christina Joseph, Adrienne Lewis, Audrey Liss, Ethan Henley, Jesse Hoek, Larry King, , Sierra Ebert, Tony Hayes, Angie Quenan, Michelle Riendeau, Monti Stone, Salina Randall, Leslie Wyrosdick.

Proxy Attendance: N/A

Absent: N/A

Guests: Dr. Martha Saunders– University President, Jamie Sprague-Human Resources, Heather Seitz, Marisa Elmore, and Monica Beck.

### **Administrative Reports**

- 1. Executive Report – Dr. Martha Saunders** Updates for the UWF campus and community were provided by University President Dr. Martha Saunders.
  - There are three weeks left of the Legislative session. The budget news for universities is not looking good but with three weeks left of the session a lot of things can. We have preemptively stabilized our budget with reductions earlier this year but we are waiting and watching for updates.
  - COVID recovery is looking good and protocols continue to be in place. A vaccination day will be held at the end of the month for employees and students. The tentative date is Wednesday, April 28th. Students can now go to Baptist Medical Park on Nine Mile Road to get vaccinated. They will need to bring their UWF ID to their appointment. A vaccination interest day survey has been sent out.
  - UWF Founders Week is this week with various in-person and virtual events.
  - By August 9<sup>th</sup>, all employees should be back on campus. Procedures are in place if it is determined a position or employee can and should work remotely.
  - CDC guidelines continue to relax. Beginning with the fall semester, students will be placed 3 feet apart. Unless things change all other protocols will be in place.

- UWF Cheerleaders are now National Champions.

## **2. Human Resources –**

- Mary Claridge has retired and Kristen Mason has been hired as the new HR Specialist contact for background screenings, position certification, maintaining organizational charts for departments, and anything related to professional development.

## **3. Approval of Minutes and Treasury Report**

Staff Senate President asked Senators to have previously reviewed the March meeting minutes.

Motioned by: Deb Cluff.

Seconded by: Larry King.

Motion passed unanimously.

## **4. Supervisor of Elections**

Senator Hayes announced we are voting on four new Senators: Monica Beck, Heather Seitz, Marisa Elmore, and Tori Bennett. Senator Hayes also announced we are voting on Staff Senate Vice President: Ethan Henley.

Monica Beck-

Motion to nominate: Tony Hayes

Second: Adrienne Lewis

Motion passed unanimously.

Heather Seitz

Motion to nominate: Tony Hayes

Second: Deb Cluff.

Motion passed unanimously.

Marisa Elmore

Motion to nominate: Tony Hayes

Second: Brooke Karas.

Motion passed unanimously.

Tori Bennett

Motion to nominate: Tony Hayes

Second: Ethan Henley.

Motion passed unanimously.

Ethan Henley for Staff Senate Vice President

Motion to nominate: Tony Hayes

Second: Christina Joseph.

Motion passed unanimously.

Senator Hayes also motioned to approve the E-Board slate:

President- Alycia Grieco  
Vice President: Ethan Henley  
Supervisor of Elections- Tony Hayes  
Secretary- Angie Quenan  
Treasurer- Brooke Karas  
Senator at Large- Zachary Farrington  
Communications- Leslie Wyrosdick

Motion to approve: Tony Hayes  
Second: Zach Farrington  
Motion passed unanimously.  
The E-Board Slate will be approved during the May meeting.

## **5. Committee Reports**

## **6. New Business**

- Founders Week started on Saturday. The first event was postponed due to weather. The Faculty and Staff picnic will now be held on May 1<sup>st</sup> from 12pm – 2pm at the Sports Complex at the Baseball and Softball Fields. Tomorrow (Wednesday) is Day of Service for Argo Pantry. There is an Amazon Wish List and there are drop off sites available on Campus should you wish to donate. Thursday – Day of Giving: April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Graduation is May 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am (College of Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities (CASSH), College of Business (COB), and Hal Marcus College of Science & Engineering (HMCSE) and 1:00pm (College of Education and Professional Studies (CEPS) and Usha Kundu, MD College of Health (UKCOH) at the Blue Wahoos Stadium.

## **7. Old Business**

None.

## **8. Open Forum**

None.

The meeting adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angie Quenan, Secretary

## **Staff Senate Executive Board**

President- Alycia Grieco  
Supervisor of Elections- Tony Hayes  
Secretary- Angie Quenan

Treasurer- Brooke Karas

Senator at Large- Zachary Farrington

Communications- Leslie Wyrosdick