

Minutes

UWF Staff Senate

Meeting

via Google Meet

University of West Florida

March 14, 2023

The meeting of the UWF Staff Senate was called to order at 1:30 pm by Staff Senate President Alycia Grieco.

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

Present: Monica Beck, Tori Bennett, Sierra Ebert, Zachary Farrington; Stephanie Fenner, Deborah Hazen, Alycia Grieco, Ethan Henley, Miriam Hoover, Kailan Jones, Brooke Karas, Larry King, Jenny Makselan, Angie Quenan, Heather Seitz, Kayla Stanley, Monti Stone, Barbara Wells, Leslie Wyrosdick.

Proxy Attendance: N/A.

Absent: Marisa Elmore, Gabriel Esmurdoc, Jennifer Griffin, Sandra Taylor, Blythe Webster.

Guests: Dr. Martha Saunders – University President; Dr. Gary Liguori – Provost and Senior Vice President; Jamie Sprague – Human Resources; Dr. Karen Molek; Aurora Osborn; Jeanne de Simon.

### **Administrative Reports**

1. **Executive Report** – Updates for the UWF campus and community were provided by Dr. Martha Saunders, University President.
  - The Post-Secondary Education and Workforce Sub-Committee heard and passed Florida House Bill 999 which we have been paying attention to. This Bill will exclude DEI from programming; limit some of the programming that we can offer for credit; and does empower our Board to make the final decision on hiring of Faculty. This also empowers the Board to call for a post-tenure review with cause for Faculty. We will see how the Bill progresses moving forward.
2. **Human Resources – Jamie Sprague.**
  - Lynne Randall has worked to re-design the front page of AwardCo. In addition to Recognition shout-outs, there is now a Memory Book feature for celebrating milestones.
  - April is Drug and Alcohol-Free Month. There are a few training courses being offered through PageUp.

- Reminder ERAP is April 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **3. Guest Speakers**

- Susan Amburg, Director of Development, from the United Way. Susan expressed her gratitude for the relationship between UWF and the United Way. The United Way has various programs in place for our area including the 211 Call Center which is a social service information and referral service. The United Way also takes the national 988 crisis line calls and has a MyFlorida Vet Program and helpline run by Veterans. The United Way also has a volunteer income tax assistance program that is free of charge for the community.
- Jeanne de Simon from International Affairs shared information about the Global Block Party which is on April 4<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am – 1:00pm on the Cannon Greens. It is a celebration of the diverse global culture we have on campus. Faculty and Staff are encouraged to volunteer.

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

Motion to approve March Minutes: Sierra Ebert.

Seconded by: Tori Bennett.

Passed unanimously.

Treasury Report – Treasurer, Brooke Karas, announced no new updates.

### **5. Supervisor of Elections**

- Monica Beck, Supervisor of Elections, shared Jeremy Ochoa's replacement, Brett Haskell will be voted in during the April Staff Senate meeting. Of the eleven Senators rolling off, Tori Bennett, Marisa Elmore, Zach Farrington, Alycia Grieco, Angie Quenan, Sandra Taylor, Heather Seitz, Sandra Taylor, and Blythe Webster have all agreed to continue for another 2 years. Monica Beck and Leslie Wyrosdick will need replacements.

### **6. Committee Reports**

- ERAP – Vice President, Ethan Henley, provided an update. The Committee is finalizing preparations. A member of the ERAP Committee will be reaching out to everyone to see who is planning to attend the ERAP ceremony. Staff Senators are encouraged to attend ERAP.
- Hand to Paw will be moved to the fall semester.

### **7. New Business**

- Founders Week is April 15<sup>th</sup> through 21<sup>st</sup>. Day of Play will kick off the week on the 15<sup>th</sup> and throughout the week there will be Argo Pantry Food Wars: staff vs. faculty vs.

students to raise donations for Argo Pantry on campus. The big donation drop-off will be on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

- Senator Sierra Ebert shared Day of Giving is April 20<sup>th</sup>. There is a faculty/staff combo deal for the Day of Giving socks and t-shirt. Sierra also shared Day of Service is April 18<sup>th</sup>.

#### **8. Old Business**

- N/A

#### **9. Open Forum**

- Senator Zach Farrington shared Business and Auxiliary Services will be sending out a form for campus map orders.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angie Quenan, Secretary

#### **Staff Senate Executive Board**

President- Alycia Grieco

Vice President – Ethan Henley

Supervisor of Elections- Monica Beck

Secretary- Angie Quenan

Treasurer- Brooke Karas

Senator at Large- Zachary Farrington

Communications- Leslie Wyrosdick