

# **Staff Senate Minutes**

November 4, 2014

Call to Order 3:05 pm

## Attendance

Sharon Price, Jennifer Keen, Elayne Kuletz, Dona Vasas, Heather Mercer, William McBeth, Crystal Granger Ross, Megan Habermann, and Christopher Solario were present. Sue Denoyer, and Brandon Neish were absent. Elizabeth Van Ert has resigned and that seat is vacant.

# Approve Agenda

Sharon moved to approve the agenda which was seconded by Crystal. The motion passed 9-0-0.

## **Approve Minutes**

Megan moved to approve the minutes which was seconded by Christopher. The motion passed 9-0-0

## Reports:

## Shared Governance Meeting Report

Elayne shared that WOU will not be subject to OARs once we are independent. The ASC president has asked to meet with her and she will share what we are doing during the meeting. The president job description is almost complete and the posting will be online soon.

## Faculty Senate Report

Sharon shared a concern from the senate about how many buildings WOU is heating and how those should be used whenever possible.

# ASC Report

Heather received notes from ASC and they are having similar discussions to ours. They spoke about how the SKUNK money works and social media on campus. Their next meeting is November 21.

## Student Senate Report

Crystal hasn't received anything. They should have a meeting next week and she will have information for our next meeting.

## Board of Trustees Report

Megan mentioned the board will have training on Saturday and will attend the football game with Mark.

#### **Old Business**

Bylaws - Since we have a vacant seat we had a discussion regarding elections and the wording in the bylaws. Elayne will work on wording and we will vote to approve/deny changes during the next meeting.

Welcome Wolves - Megan has not had the chance to work on them. She will have the information for the next meeting.

Staff Survey - We believe Brandon is still working on it.

Presidential Search - No new information.

#### **New Business**

Elizabeth Van Ert is no longer and employee. Elayne called for opinion on offering the position to the person who ran against her. Dona will contact that person to see if he/she is still interested.

Elayne asked whether we could discuss accreditation. William mentioned that it has been discussed in the past when he was previously on staff senate.

#### Announcements

Crystal mentioned the food pantry is looking for more members. They meet on Tuesdays at 11 am once per month.

Megan talked about Monmouth city council and how a new building fee is being proposed for buildings prior to taxation. Part of the reasoning is that new buildings mean increased enrollment. The physical plant argues that new buildings do not guarantee increased enrollment. WOUs costs would be higher with this new fee.

The community notes section in the utility bills mentioned a task force for creating a new tax for road maintenance. Independence already has the tax.

Heather mentioned there is connections training this month.

Sharon asked about the military building and it was discussed that there is no new news.

# Adjourn

3:35 pm Sharon moves and Heather 2nds. Passed 9-0-0.

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