

Washburn University Staff Council Meeting Minutes

July 12, 2022

Members Present – Leah Brown, Meagan Smejdir, Christa Smith, Blaine Smith, Matt Busey, Jackie Askren, Gayla Sarkesian, Jennifer Bixel, Kelli Wietharn, Barbara Evans

Members Not Present – Carissa Schmidlein, Nancy Province, Drew Liggett, James Scotti

Guests – Nick McClung

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Matt Busey at 3:06pm.
- II. Roll Call
 - a. Attendance was taken by Zoom chat.
- III. Approval of May 10, 2022 & June 14, 2022 Minutes
 - a. Voting
 - i. Motion – Christa Smith
 - ii. Second – Barbara Evans
 - iii. Votes
 1. Yay – 10
 2. Nay – 0
 3. Abstain – 0
- IV. Committee Reports:
 - a. Chair Report – Matt Busey
 - i. Meeting with Dr. Farley (6/28):
 1. Dr. Farley intends to retire, effective on September 30, 2022, but will continue to have an office on campus and a part time administrative assistant
 2. Provided Staff Council update to Dr. Farley
 3. WU BOR is working through the process to appoint an Interim President
 4. Will schedule another meeting in July/August
 - b. Board of Regents Meeting Update – Matt Busey
 - i. Meeting in June 2022
 1. FY 23 budget approved
 2. Discussed presidential search process, will continue updating everyone; please be sure to visit the website for updates
 - c. All Faculty/Staff Email/Posting Committee – Jackie Askren, Christa Smith
 - i. No updates since last meeting
 - d. Benefits Committee – Jennifer Bixel, Matt Busey

- i. Emily Schneider no longer works at WU Law, so Jennifer and Matt will sit on this committee until the upcoming elections (September/October 2022)
- e. Food Advisory Committee – Nancy Province
 - i. Summer Get the Scoop Series – starts July 13th in the Memorial Union; this will be the last summer for the \$1 price
 - ii. Janel is currently reviewing Chartwells retail pricing proposals for FY23. The Consumer Price Index for food away from home has risen by a record 9% this past year. Chartwells prices in the Union Café, Corner Market Hot Box, and Lincoln Dining door rate will all be increased in August to reflect the market. As part of the review process, they do compare prices to local competition.
- f. Parking Ticket Committee – Leah Brown and Blaine Smith
 - i. No updates since last meeting
- g. Safety Committee – Jackie Askren
 - i. Meetings will resume in August 2022

V. Old Business:

- a. Continuity Planning
 - i. Officer terms:
 - 1. Bylaws state that “Officers will hold a one-year term and will hold office until their successors are elected.”
 - 2. Consider extending term length for continuity or creating new Immediate Past Chair Officer role
 - a. Staff Council has elected to vote on creation of an Immediate Past Chair Officer role.
 - b. Staff Council bylaws may be amended only by a two-thirds majority vote of all elected members (or their respective alternate) of the Washburn University Staff Council. Notice of proposed amendments will be sent to all Staff Council members at least 14 days in advance of voting.
 - c. Notice of Proposed Amendments to Staff Council Bylaws emailed to all Staff Council Representatives
- b. Bylaw Updates
 - i. Please see email from Matt Busey for specific details regarding changes to the bylaws

VI. New Business:

- a. None

VII. Informational Items:

- a. Next Meeting: August 9, 2022, 3:00pm-4:00pm via Zoom Video Conference and in the Lincoln Room, Memorial Union
- b. August 18, 2022 is move-in day – please feel free to pass this information along, and sign up if you (or colleagues) want to help on that day!

VIII. Adjournment (Motion)

- a. Motion – Kelli Wietharn

- b. Second – Jackie Askren
- c. Vote
 - i. Yay – 10
 - ii. Nay - 0
 - iii. Abstain – 0

Minutes submitted by Staff Council Secretary Meagan Smejdir.