

University Staff Council (USC) – Minutes

June 11, 2024 – 2:00-3:00 p.m.

UW-La Crosse, 325 Graff Main Hall

Call to Order – 2:00 p.m.

Roll Call –

Council Members in Attendance – Karen DeSchepper, Erika Pfeiffer, Domingo Carrion, John Eaton, Leslie Fell, Jenna Greene, Bill Klein, Terrence Stika, Jeanne Voss

Absent – Kimberly Schliebe, Jerry Fogel, Mary Grattan, Amy Ticknor

Guests – Andrea Matson, Karen Brandt, Sallie Coon, Sheri Craig, AJ Bierwirth, Albie McKinney, Tracie Hodgdon

Approval of Minutes – Approved

Treasurer’s Report – Filed for audit

Committee Reports –

Bylaws – William Klein

No report.

Mary will be stepping off Bylaws as of June 30th.

Committee on Committees – Jeanne Voss

No report.

Elections – Terry Stika/William Klein

The Elections Committee announced the results of the elections with the winners being William Klein and Lloyd “Albie” McKinney.

The elections for Vice Chair and Secretary/Treasurer will be held at the June meeting.

Program, Grants and Fundraising (PFG) – Karen DeSchepper

No report.

Need new members.

Grants – Karen DeSchepper, Interim Chair

We received one grant application by the June 1 deadline, pending USC FY25 account funding.

The next grant deadline is October 1 for events November 1, 2024-February 28, 2025.

Excellence Award – Karen Brandt

Envelopes for nomination mailings for next year were ordered and received.

Staff Recognition/Excellence Event – Janet Craig

The Recognition Event Committee met on May 15. The event invitation was approved and was scheduled to be sent to all University Staff, the Chancellor’s Cabinet, and the Deans. We asked that RSVPs be sent by June 14th. Other miscellaneous tasks were assigned.

UW Shared Governance – Karen DeSchepper

New UWL Shared Governance Representative, Tracie Hodgdon, Educational Studies. Thank you, Tracie!

2024-2025 meetings to be announced at a later date, most likely starting end of September.

Joint Academic Initiatives – VACANT

Joint Environmental Sustainability – VACANT

Joint Committee on Civil Discourse – VACANT

Joint Legislative & Regents – Committee suspended for 2024-2025

Joint Multicultural Affairs – Kimberly Schliebe

No report.

Joint Parking Appeals – Mark Beckerjeck

No report.

Joint Planning & Budget – Mary Grattan/Sandra Vinney

No report.

Last meeting was May 1st.

Joint Textbook Oversight – Sandra Vinney

Teams meeting with the committee members and representatives from Follett regarding available options for the transition of the current textbook rental system to add eBook textbook options.

Student survey questions are still being worked out and updated with the plan to send the survey out to the students during fall semester.

Work-Life Taskforce – VACANT

HR Advisory Committee - Kimberly Schliebe

No report.

Title IX Advisory – Leslie Fell

No report.

Old Business –

Madison Representative –

Tracie Hodgdon has stepped up and will be our new Madison rep starting Fall 2024. Thank you, Tracie!

Letter of Appreciation to Dr. Hetzel –

The Exec Committee drafted a letter from USC on behalf of University Staff thanking Dr. Hetzel for his years of service to UWL. We will send the letter in the next month.

University Staff Ombudsperson(s)

Exec reached out to HR; they do not offer any training or resources. Exec is still doing research on this (Do we need one? What does it take?)

New Business –

Election of Executive Officers –

Vice Chair (Two-year term; first year Vice Chair, second year Chair)

Bill Klein nominated, accepted; elected unanimously

Secretary/Treasurer (One-year term)

Erika Pfeiffer nominated, accepted (with the caveat that a temporary Secretary/Treasurer will be needed July-September while Erika is on maternity leave); elected unanimously

Exec Update –

Interim Chancellor Morgan – Cancelled

UWL has approved another 1% lump sum. Still requires System approval. If approved, expected to be paid out in December.

Interim Provost Kunkel – Cancelled

Vice Chancellor Hetzel – No meeting

UWL Shared Governance – No meeting

Get Engaged – Please join us 15 minutes before our Council meeting for networking! The room opens at 1:45 p.m.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, August 13, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. (No meeting in July)

Adjourn – 2:14 p.m.