

PSS Meeting – 9/22/16

Joint meeting of the PS Senate and joint membership

Chair Licata called the meeting to order at 3:10 pm.

Parliamentarian Wallace served as secretary *pro tem* in the absence of Secretary Piraino.

Agenda presented - moved to accept as amended by Tim T. *Second*. Adopted by Majority Vote.

Chair's Report:

PSS Chair D. Licata gave introductions of officers and office staff and senators (and SUNY Senator H. Montague).

Committees and chairs introduced and recognized for their hard work.

Senators invited to stop by Office of Shared Governance in 543 Capen Hall.

PSS Chair D. Licata gave a brief introduction to the PSS and its goals for new members.

- Professional Staff Senate Introduction: (Connect, Grow, Lead)
 - o Focus Areas introduced
 - Community, Culture, and Collegiality
 - Terri Miller has reached out to PSS to include them in developing a comprehensive strategic plan for ... [diversity and inclusion].
 - All invited to participate
 - Professional Development and Career Mobility
 - PSS strives to identify a clear plan for promotion
 - Facilitate the culture of inclusion in development
 - Shared Governance
 - Augmenting the role of professional staff [and other groups] in shared governance at UB and SUNY level
 - Resolutions – manifestation of the business of the senate. We passed 7 last year and hope to continue to pass more this year.
 - o Issues underway:
 - Diversity and Inclusion
 - Sr. leadership search and review
 - PD opportunities and evaluation
 - Sustainability
 - Rep at the UB council and UBF
 - UBreathe Free
 - Input in to decisions shaping UB
 - o UB and SUNY's got your back
 - 300 bag target
 - o Upcoming Events -
 - Tailgate (9/24)
 - Sustainable Living Fair (9/29)
 - Bike Stampede and Petal party (10/1)
 - PSS EC Meeting (10/6)
 - Joint Senate and Membership Meeting (10/27)

Chris K. Moved to receive the report of the chair. *Second*. Approved.

Report of the Vice Chair

- Continuous learning Committee
 - o Event 9-11
- Constitution and Bylaws Committee
- Senate Development and Engagement Committee Meeting in 325 Bell
- Website committee
- Darla is new chair

Don Erb moved to accept the report of the Vice Chair. Second. Approved.

Constitution and Bylaws Committee Report

PSS Chair D. Licata gave introduction of Const. and Bylaws and their governing parameters and provided background regarding the activity of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

- Committee has presented several reports to membership and Executive Committee.
- Special meeting was held
- Continuously reviewed.

Debra Strumm moved to receive the report. (Motion comes from Committee – no second needed.)
Discussion. Approved unanimously.

No unfinished/new business

ANNOUNCEMENT: PSS recognition – Call for nomination

Special Item: **UB HOME**

Special Guests: Matt Kopalek

Program encouraging ownership in south campus neighborhoods

PAM: specifics about neighborhood

Merger between UB and Westside

Allows for up to \$7500 as a credit to help purchase homes. For \$5000 program - UB home puts in \$2500, requires that you live for 5 years. Money is then forgiven. Westside puts up \$2500 as deferred loan which is not required to be paid back until/unless title changes hand.

**Required to take a homebuyer education class re: process of purchasing home.

Purchasing on other side of Bailey will get more assistance. FULL TIME employees only.

PSS Clothing Drive – Tom Goergen – contact for more information

Initiative to get professional clothing into the poorer members of the community. Multiple drop off locations – fliers on tables.

Email follow-up will be ensuing. Accessories welcome!

We will have a collection here at our 10/27 meeting!

Took a short recess to set up presentation and get food. Resumed at 4:00.

ANNOUNCEMENT: We need content for the website!

Special Presentation:

UB Athletics: Allen Greene

UB has 20 D1 sports serving ~500 student athletes.

- If sports aren't competitive we can't add others.

Director Greene showed an introductory video

- Pointed out points of pride for UB (as a whole) – goal of athletics recruiting is to point out these important factors
- We are FBS athletics
- 1 of 22 AAU

Athletics has the power to shape and market UB because we have lots of great things going on here.

MAJOR REASON: we haven't had very successful athletics.

- Highest athlete GPA ever (3.096)

NY's public powerhouse


- Rebrand as NY's team – Flagship University
- “We are a damn good university.”

Field House – Indoor practice facility.

Architect has been engaged. Hope to put shovels in the ground by spring (

Athletics requests that PSS participate in the visibility of UB.

Director Greene answered questions from Professional Staff.

 moved to extend the meeting until all business was complete. Second. Approved.

Further Questions.

In the absence of further business, meeting adjourned at 4:26.