

MINUTES
PSS JOINT SENATE/ GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
October 29, 2015, 3:00-4:30 P.M.
Center for Tomorrow, UB North Campus

PSS Officers Present:

Domenic Licata, Chair. Sarah Piraino, Recording Secretary.

PSS Officers Absent:

David Love, Vice Chair

PSS Senator Attendance:

Separate: (sign-in sheet)

PSS General Membership Attendance:

Separate: (sign-in sheets)

Guest Speaker/Topic: Discussions by PSS Areas. Seating arrangement was set with Senators at tables representing their perspective area. Members signed in and were seated accordingly.

1. Call to Order: Domenic

The meeting was called to order by Domenic Licata, Chair at 3:07 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes: Sarah

Upon motion by Kat K. and seconded by Ann Marie, the minutes of the JUNE, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved.

3. Reports: Domenic

a) Chair's Report: Domenic

-SEFA Campaign Chair: Marcia Lewis offered a SEFA (State Employees Federal Appeal) campaign overview encouraging UB staff to participate.

-Rebecca Burke requested Hospice Bouquet Fundraiser Committee member assistance. If interested please contact pss@buffalo.edu

-Chair Report Overview: Domenic offered members a report on shared governance overview, introduction of new PSS officers, outgoing PSS officers, PSS bylaws and code of ethics, definition of general membership, senator and officer elections, SUNY wide senate, electoral areas breakdown, professional development & career mobility, community & culture, PSS committees list review, Senator recruitment campaign, Parliamentarian search call out announcement. Issues being discussed at UB including SUNY Excels & Investment Proposals, SUNY Trusee Changes to IP & Patent Rules, Applied Learning Initiative, Academic Freedom. UB Campus Governance Leaders overview, Q& A

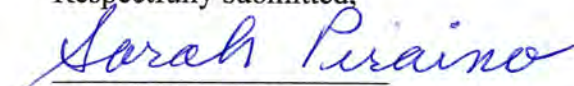
b) Committee Reports: Domenic

Motion to postpone report at this time. Jason Parker motion, second Kim Krzemien, unanimously approved.

4. PSS Staff Recognition: Domenic
Featured staff member Lani Jendrowski, Senior Counselor with UB's Educational Opportunity Program was selected as today's recognized PSS staff awardee. Nominated by Dr. Elaine Cusker and approved by Dr. Andrew Stott, Undergraduate Education. Lani was presented a PSS certificate of recognition. Comments were offered by Dr. Cusker.
5. Committee Spotlight: Joseph Mantione, Mentoring Committee Overview
Featured committee: PSS Mentoring Committee overview presented by Committee Chair, Joseph Mantione. Find more information on the PSS website under "committees" and then "mentoring program: mentoring matters at UB." Recruiting mentors with ten or more years of experience as an employee at UB.
6. Unfinished Business: Domenic: None
7. Senate New Business: Domenic
A motion was called to introduce new resolution. Resolution: to change the name of the PSS senate office, to add "Shared Governance" to the name of the Senate office at UB including the Professional Staff Senate and the Faculty Senate. Approved by Kat, second by Hugh, vote by general members as unanimous with green (yay), yellow (nay).
8. Program: Domenic/Sarah
Open forum: conversation with PSS Senators by areas. Members were seated according to their assigned PSS Areas for purposes of discussion of concerns, topics of interest and programming. The purpose was driven by priorities identification of perspective PSS areas. Discussions were continued from the Senator's Orientation meeting last month. Discussion sheets were distributed as talking points, members recorded responses, reported back to the larger group and response sheets were collected.

Areas I-V: Response sheets were collected by PSS. Maribeth will compile, type and send this information to PSS officers to facilitate continued ongoing discussions within each perspective PSS area.
9. Next Meeting
The next meeting of the Joint Senate/General Membership will be held on Monday, November 19, 2015 at 3:00 pm in the Center for Tomorrow, UB North Campus.
10. Adjourn
There being no further business, upon motion duly made and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 4:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Sarah Piraino, MS
PSS Recording Secretary