

MINUTES
PSS JOINT SENATE/ GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
March 24, 2016
Center for Tomorrow, UB North Campus

PSS Officers Present: Domenic Licata, Chair. David Love, Vice Chair. Sarah Piraino, Recording Secretary.

PSS Officers Absent: None

PSS Senator Attendance: Separate: (sign-in sheet)

PSS General Membership Attendance: Separate: (sign-in sheets)

1. Call to Order: Domenic

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

Adoption of agenda

*Agenda was adopted, first Kat K., second Geri Kramer; unanimously approved.

2. Approval of Minutes: Sarah

*Upon motion by Kat K. and seconded by Susan M., the minutes of the February 2016 meeting were unanimously approved.

3. Reports: Domenic

a) Chair's Report: Domenic

-Chair Report Overview: Domenic offered members a report on an update to the PSS Constitution and Bylaws, introduction of new PSS officers, senator and officer elections update, SUNY wide senate check in, PSS Awards banquet May 2016, Senator recruitment campaign update.

*Upon motion by Ilene F. and seconded by Denise W., the report of the PSS Chair was unanimously approved.

4. Committee Report: David

- ELECTIONS COMMITTEE: a call for Senators for the 2016-2018 year will be forthcoming mid-April 2016
- INCLUSION AND DIVERSITY COMMITTEE
next committee meeting: Thursday, April 7, 9-10am, Room TBD
51 RSVP's were registered for the panel discussion on transgender identities on March 15 from 12:00-1:30pm in Clemens Hall. The discussion was well attended and a major success for the Diversity and Inclusion Committee
- MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE
- Katie Barnum has accepted the nomination to chair the Marketing and Communication Committee. Her first meeting will be next Friday at 10am in 528 Capen Hall.
- POLICY AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
- Last meeting was March 9th and the committee worked to finalize work on the PSS budget oversight committee and the Constitutional bylaws update.
- STAFF DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE
- SUSTAINABLE LIVING COMMITTEE

- Luncheon event with guest speaker will be held on April 18th. Cost, speaker details will be announced soon.
- WEBSITE COMMITTEE
- Web Site Committee will soon by contacting all other committees for content
- Looking for people who have received personal achievement (professional, community, university, conference awards) to contact the web team and the PSS office so those updates can be added to the website.

*Upon motion by Kat K. and seconded by Geri K., the committee report of the PSS Vice Chair March 2016 was unanimously approved.

5. PSS Staff Recognition: Domenic

Dr. Carol Van Zile-Tamsen,
Associate Director
Center for Educational Innovation & Assessment, 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. Guest Speaker/Topic:

Discussions Panel discussion featuring Mark Coldren—Director of HR, Tara Singer-Blumberg—UUP Labor Relations Specialist and Maureen Kanaley—UUP Vice President for Professionals.

The Professional Staff Senate actively supports a culture of continuous learning and professional development. Ultimately, development should lead to advancement and promotion. Growth and advancement benefit not only individual employees, but their units and the university as a whole. This discussion outlined options and procedures for advancement and promotion, as afforded by SUNY policy, the UUP contract, and other UB guidelines.

Question/Answer time was slotted at the end of this discussion.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Joint Senate/General Membership will be held on Thursday, April 28th, 2016 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 4:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Piraino, MS
PSS Recording Secretary