

Meeting Minutes – SSU Staff Council

May 16, 2023

Call to order

A meeting of the SSU Staff Council was held via Zoom. Attendees included Staff Council Committee Officers:

- ✓ Katie Musick
- ✓ Gillian Estes
- ✓ Nina Mendia- Absent
- ✓ Kari Manwiller
- ✓ River Cullen

Attendance (list in Staff Council Drive)

Call to Order

Katie called the meeting to order at 1:03pm

Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

Agenda posted in Google Drive

Consideration of Approval of Minutes

Skipped.

Reports

A. Chair- Katie

- a. Fun fact - Automated book retrieval in Library
 - i. Shared video link: <https://library.sonoma.edu/about/building/ars>
- b. Shared how we select people for committees that do not require a vote

B. Vice Chair- Gillian

- a. No report

C. Secretary -Nina

- a. Absent

D. Treasurer- River

- a. No report

E. Custodian of Records- Kari

- a. No report

F. Standing report from Vice President for [Administration and Finance](#) or Proxy

- a. Golf team going to finals
- b. Commencement upcoming!
- c. Facilities will be very busy at this time:
 - i. Power outages coming up at night (May 22-24)
 - 1. Remember to unplug things, remove food from fridges, etc.
 - ii. May 22 - June 6: Work on buildings to repair moisture damage
 - iii. Solar panels going up in parking lot J this summer
 - iv. HVAC repairs coming as well
- d. Scoops of Gratitude on the 25th

- e. IT working on replacing/upgrading 500+ workstations/laptops
- f. May revise shows no change to governor's proposed budget, June will bring final answer
 - i. <https://ebudget.ca.gov/>
- g. 11 campuses in financial straits, all trying to work to continue delivering top notch student services with fewer resources - look at 3 legs - people, place, programs
- h. Julie Barnes: Please continue to share information as it comes out about any cuts, etc. Emails that are being sent out are appreciated.

G. Academic Senate Report - Kate Sims

- a. Morimoto reported there will be safety trainings coming up in the fall. Bryan Burton will have details coming out at some point.
- b. Grants for scanning wands, license plate readers for large events
 - i. Some dissension around too much surveillance
- c. MLA crafting more equitable campus, DFW rates, students leaving: looking for new members for fall:
 - i. <https://academicaffairs.sonoma.edu/academic-programs/provosts-initiatives#Faculty%20Learning%20Communities>
- d. Cozen process: Senate chairs meeting to talk about it, some unhappiness around it being over summer rather than finished up over the academic year
- e. Stanislaus breached, SSU okay
- f. Lee: Davis stabbings. Update - suspect apprehended
- g. Monir; golf tournament hosted by SSU for first time; redwood tree outside Stevenson okay
- h. Tyson Hill presented same presentation as at Staff Council
- i. Gerald CAPS Dr Gerard hired as lead. Take Back the Night low attendance. CAPS open for students.
- j. AS Board of directors being sworn in May 12
- k. CCs ignored colleges and offered BA in same things; Bosick filed duplicate complaint form with legislature
- l. Newman: Interim policy on acad reorg, based on that of other campuses. Controversial, length of consultation process
- m. EPC: Proposal to discontinue applied arts minor, initiate sustainability minor, approved

H. Academic Senate Report- Chair Morimoto, Vice Chair Bryan Burton

- a. Have enjoying working w/Staff Council, Administration, Assoc Students - hoping this will all continue under new Acad Senate leadership
- b. International Education development needs to continue
- c. Main focuses of Acad Senate the past year have been international education and connection with campus partners
- d. Last meeting coming up - will be doozy of a meeting:
 - i. Structure & functions - consultation policy; when should staff and faculty be consulted?
 - ii. Interim policy on reorg from CFA - ten step process before any reorg; did not go through normal committees, more individually driven. Some feel this should go through regular channels. 16 page policy, clunky process. Would essentially stop any reorg in its tracks until it goes through process
 - iii. Aware of anxiety staff and faculty are feeling

- iv. Faculty may not understand the budget fully, and how far under we are. Using one time funds can't continue. Not business as usual.
- v. Cozen report - how we address sexual misconduct on campus
- vi. E Lopez asked what they are most proud of and that is partnership in leadership on campus, with staff especially
- vii. Laura Krier new chair, Emily Acosta Lewis as vice chair - coming to next Staff Council to introduce themselves
- e. Julie Barnes: AMP survey focused on student and faculty retention, not staff retention, hoping it gets added to metrics; hopes new Acad Senate folks will continue to work w/Staff Council

I. Reports from University Committees: Kelly Clark, Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Council

- a. Meet once a month
- b. Includes student advisors, staff advisors
- c. Athletics - 10 out of 11 reached postseason, 6 had conf appearance tournaments, 2 conf championships - women's soccer, softball; many awards to individual students and staff
- d. In meetings: advocate for student athletes, providing positive experiences
- e. Reviewed compliance policies, dept policies, Title IX policies
- f. How to increase engagement
- g. Budget review, effects of SSU budget on athletics
- h. Survey went out to all student athletes re everything from support, to equipment - Will review survey in fall
- i. Home games will be broadcast live on LoboVision
- j. Newsletter goes out weekly

J. Reports from University Committees: John Lynch, President's Budget Advisory Council

- a. Assistant director at CTET
- b. 4 PBAC meetings this semester, could only attend 3, one of which was spring budget forum
- c. Not functioning as a working group but more as an opportunity for leadership to shine light on complicated decision making that goes on with SSU finance
- d. Lots of radical honesty
- e. Opportunity to share ideas, get feedback, much like forum but on smaller scale
- f. Highlights similar to budget forum
- g. Chance for people to ask questions

K. Items for next meeting

- a. May 23, 1:00-2:00 PM (Special Session)
 - i. 1:00: Welcome & Report on WSCUC Steering Committee, Institutional Report - Stacey Bosick
 - ii. 1:05: Standing report from Vice President for Administration and Finance or Proxy
 - iii. 1:10: Academic Senate Report
 - iv. 1:15: New Academic Senate Leadership Introductions - Laura Krier & Emily Acosta Lewis
 - v. 1:20: AMP Report Feedback with Provost Karen Moranski

New Matters for Future Consideration

None.

Good of the Order

Nothing.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:00PM

Nina Mendia
Secretary

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Date of Approval