

## UW Staff Senate Full Meeting

### Agenda

August 4, 2021 1:15 p.m.

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- I) Roll Call
- II) Approve June minutes
  - A) Minutes approved as circulated. (Presumed. Not present in recording.)
- III) Approve August agenda
  - A) Agenda approved as circulated. (Presumed. Not present in recording.)
- IV) Special Business
  - A) Partial recording of presentation by Frosty (?)
    - i) Putting up a fence on the south side of the Education Building along with some concrete work to make it safer for Lab School kids
    - ii) Corbett remodeling to have better classrooms and better locker rooms for the swim team
    - iii) Replace water main on north edge of Prexy's Pasture
    - iv) West Campus Energy Plant almost done
      - (1) Moving Ag, Engineering, and STEM buildings to new hot water rather than steam
    - v) Science Initiative building should be done in early 2022
    - vi) Parking structure on Ivinson being bid this August, with construction starting in October
      - (1) Will take parking lot and parking around 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and Ivinson away
  - B) Matt Newman, Director of Planning and Design
    - i) Student Housing
      - (1) Part of a 20-year master plan
      - (2) Two phases
        - (a) First phase – replacing ~950 of 2000 beds
        - (b) Second phase – may include renovations of current residence halls
        - (c) Will include new open spaces between North and South Halls
      - (3) New Union lawn will extend over current Half Acre parking lot
      - (4) Transit stop on east side of Union will move to 15<sup>th</sup> and Willet
      - (5) North Hall
        - (a) ~850-seat dining facility
          - (i) Two levels
          - (ii) Grab and go facility
        - (b) Loading docks under building
        - (c) ~450 beds
      - (6) South Hall
        - (a) ~500 beds
        - (b) Two pods on ground floor
      - (7) Single, double, double semi-suite, single occupancy community restroom
        - (a) Based on market studies and studies on what makes students more successful academically
          - (i) Desire for increased privacy for restrooms

- (ii) Also can shut down one restroom for increased cleaning without impacting the others
  - (b) Suites (for upperclassmen/sophomores) have restrooms in each room
  - (c) 30 students and 1 RA per “pod”
    - (i) Each pod has a study/lounge space
- (8) Community spaces
  - (a) Game room
  - (b) Lobby/living room
  - (c) Faculty and staff apartment on ground floor
  - (d) Multipurpose room (classroom, after hours gathering space for student groups)
- ii) Utilities
  - (1) West Campus Satellite Energy Plant
    - (a) Serves new buildings along Lewis and Bradley
    - (b) Will serve new housing buildings
  - (2) Utility tunnel
    - (a) North side of Prexy’s Pasture to 15<sup>th</sup> Street
  - (3) Working with city on their master plan to upsize city water line
- iii) Ivinson parking garage
  - (1) Start construction in October
  - (2) Will replace parking being lost in Half Acre lot and around old Wyo Hall building site
- iv) Transit Maintenance Facility
  - (1) South 15<sup>th</sup> Street
  - (2) Under construction
  - (3) Will open parking spaces where buses are currently parked (Bradley between 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>)
- v) Questions
  - (1) Unintelligible question, maybe Senator Norris – Will the Union parking lot disappear?
    - (a) Project is currently in design and it will be a year until construction starts. Some depends on the dining facility and timing to open at the start of a semester/year. Should be complete by fall 2024. The lot closing has yet to be determined, but should coincide with opening of Ivinson parking garage.
  - (2) Where do people park for Half Acre?
    - (a) There will be a roundabout near Outdoor Rec for drop off and pick up of rental equipment. The Half Acre lot will be not be there. People can use the bus system or park in other lots. There will be one main lane of traffic in the roundabout.
  - (3) Unintelligible question
    - (a) In the master plan, there is another, larger, parking garage planned to the north of current UWPD location.
  - (4) Unintelligible question, maybe Senator Moen – Where will students living in the new dorms park?
    - (a) The Ivinson parking garage and current fleet lot will be parking once transit facilities are finished.
  - (5) Unintelligible question
    - (a) The Ivinson garage will be 384 spaces, 40 of which are short term/metered spaces (ground floor). Upper levels will be A permits.
  - (6) Unintelligible question
    - (a) Yes, we’re losing parking spaces. Not until full plan is realized.

- (7) Senator Norris – Please send out a hard copy of sorts. It would help with her zone custodians.
- (8) Unintelligible question, maybe Adrienne Freng - What is the timeline on the new parking garage?
  - (a) The parking garage is currently bidding, will be awarded at September Board of Trustees meeting, construction starts in October, will take about 12 months.
- (9) Unintelligible question, maybe Senator Heupel – Will the transit buses be running longer since Half Acre is open later than the buses usually run?
  - (a) He doesn't know but will ask Paul Kunkel.
  - (b) Maybe Paul Kunkel – they determine transit needs based on demand at the time. They have always closed routes before Half Acre closes, but since parking will be removed, they will readdress that.
- (10) Unintelligible question
  - (a) The site has code requirements regarding how bright it needs to be.
- (11) Unintelligible questions
  - (a) We will have commuter lots. In this plan, that will be open.
  - (b) It will be a roundabout instead of a stoplight to help with new transit stop. For residence halls, they would like to include bike locker parking; also have covered bike parking and lockers at the Ivinson garage.
  - (c) Lewis Street has additional bike parking and will be more of a commuter bike route to keep bikes off of Prexy's.
  - (d) He doesn't know of plans for increasing bike parking around campus that are not part of the current capital construction projects. Those do include bike parking.
- C) Confirmation of new senators
  - i) Jennifer Heupel, Criminal Justice & Sociology, Seat #12
  - ii) Emmalee Moore, Zoology & Physiology, Seat #15
  - iii) Jason Satkunam, UWPD, Seat #16
  - iv) Ainsley Thrailkill, Facilities Engineering, Seat #18
  - v) Nicole Nelson, Research & Economic Development, Seat #32
- V) Administration reports
  - A) President Seidel
  - B) Division of Administration
  - C) Human Resources - Associate Vice President Tom Koczara
    - i) Fall 2021 employee training
      - (1) Creating a new version of last year's plan based on new COVID19 plan
      - (2) Will be pushed out through Oracle Learning
      - (3) Hopefully be ready by 8/23
    - ii) Compliance process for COVID testing
      - (1) Compliance rate for random testing (3%) has been 1.12% as of last week
      - (2) Started on process to encourage employees to complete required testing yesterday
        - (a) Hopefully ready by 8/23
    - iii) Restructuring project
      - (1) Their role is to identify process for filling new or restructured positions after mergers and such
      - (2) Will start in mid-November
    - iv) Provost Carmen asked HR to partner with Academic Affairs to review recruiting processes for Academic Affairs
      - (1) Started with temporary lecturer positions

v) Questions

(1) Senator Casey – Is there more specific information about the reduced sick leave accrual?

(a) Not right now. The areas identified in the budget announcement were broad topics to explore. They haven't made any significant progress at this time.

D) Academic Affairs - Vice Provost Anne Alexander (probably)

i) Estimated 1500 incoming students

ii) Cabinet is finalizing fall plan and contingency plans regarding COVID19

iii) Starting new student success initiatives

(1) UWYO Saddle Up – academic preparation program for incoming students

(a) Required one week early move in event

(b) Students go through a simulated midterm week – classes in the morning (tests, homework, etc.)

(c) Skills sessions – financial literacy, time management, study skills, etc.

(d) Poke Packs - ~8 students and a mentor

iv) Program reviews ongoing

(1) 12 committees looking at reorg proposals

(2) Reviewing feedback and FAQs on website daily

v) Upcoming Calendar Committee will need Staff Senate representation

vi) Questions

(1) Senate Chambers – Can you repeat the number of students starting compared to last year?

(a) An estimated 1500 this year (some are still deciding). That's more than last year, but not previous year (1800-1900 in 2018 and 2019).

(2) Senate Chambers – ACSD reimplemented a mask mandate in our schools; what will the University do?

(a) We should have some guidance by the end of the week.

(3) Unintelligible question regarding online classes

(a) She doesn't think that will happen, but it's too soon to tell. But they've been trying to get more classes online for years, so if it helps students they are open to it. More than 80% of classes are in person this year.

(4) Unintelligible question

(a) The cabinet is meeting tomorrow to discuss the COVID19 plan for fall 2021 as well as the contingency plans, which will be presented to the Board of Trustees on August 11<sup>th</sup>.

(5) Senator Moen – What was the answer to the mask mandate?

(a) We will know by the end of week.

(6) Senator Moen - What was the proposal from the Provost?

(a) All of the reorganization/reductions plans posted in July. There is room for feedback.

(7) Unintelligible question

(a) The committee has not been fully constituted yet, much less have a meeting.

(8) Unintelligible question, maybe From the room – Last semester, a senator mentioned a school ending the semester before Thanksgiving.

(a) We have learned some good things from the pandemic, and that is one of them.

VI) Old Business

VII) Liaison Reports

A) ASUW

i) No representative present.

- B) Faculty Senate - Chair Adrienne Freng
  - i) COVID19 plans for fall 2021
  - ii) Program reviews and reorganizations
  - iii) Questions
    - (1) Senator Moen – What are you hearing from faculty for fall?
      - (a) There are concerns about the current recommendations in place, including full classrooms with students with low vaccination rates and low compliance rates in testing. They're trying to work with Administration to make everyone feel safe.
- C) Advisory Council on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (Katie Buell)
  - i) Senator Buell not present.
- D) Athletics Planning Committee (Cathy Moen)
  - i) No meetings over the summer. First meeting should be coming soon.
- E) Enterprise Risk Management Advisory Committee (Chris Maki)
  - i) Dividing into subcommittees to identify and mitigate risks
    - (1) Building security and access controls
    - (2) Emergency response plan updates
    - (3) Enrollment management and student success
    - (4) Governmental and legislative relations
    - (5) COVID19
    - (6) Recruiting, hiring, retention of faculty and staff
    - (7) Updated vehicle and driver accident reporting
    - (8) UW Fiscal situation and budget
  - ii) Would like help to serve on some subcommittees
- F) Food Security Taskforce (Chris Stratton)
  - i) Senator Stratton not present.
- G) No More Committee (Aleah Biertzer)
  - i) Senator Biertzer not present.
- H) Public Art Committee (Emmalee Moore)
  - i) Senator Moore not present.
- I) Strategic Plan Working Group (Shelby Kennedy)
  - i) No meeting yet.
- J) Student Media Board (Emily Edgar)
  - i) No meeting yet.
- K) USP Update Working Group (Richard Raridon)
  - i) No meeting yet.

#### VIII) Officer Updates

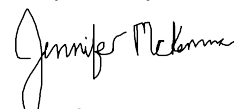
- A) President, Chris Maki
  - i) Board of Trustees meeting
    - (1) Capital construction as covered in Administration reports
    - (2) Strategic Plan Working groups will report to the Board in a couple of months
    - (3) Four pillar groups
      - (a) School of Computing – should have a presentation on this at a future Senate meeting
    - (4) Wyoming Innovation Partnership, Science Initiative
    - (5) UW partnership with Wyoming community colleges
      - (a) Align community college offerings with UW to increase continuity
    - (6) Restructuring plans

- (7) American Recovery Act funding addressed in future meetings
- (8) Denied WWAMI graduates' request to participate through tele-medicine
- ii) Academic forum as covered by Academic Affairs
- iii) 2-13 committee contributor list on SharePoint
  - (1) Some committees still need Senate representation – let her know if you're interested
- iv) COVID19 response
  - (1) EEPG group disbanded
  - (2) President will meet with his cabinet tomorrow afternoon
  - (3) Met with Chair Freng and ASUW representatives to discuss our response to COVID19 and UW's lack of response to policy changes
- B) Vice President
  - i) Welcome Brianna Casey!
- IX) New Business
- X) Committee Reports
  - A) Communications Committee – Senator Moen
    - i) Meeting – August 5, 10:00am, Zoom (meeting ID 537 394 0029)
  - B) Credentials and Elections Committee – Senator Kennedy
    - i) Meeting – August 17, 2:00pm, Zoom (meeting ID 94995620419)
    - ii) Working on filling vacant seats
    - iii) Could use more members
  - C) Finance Committee – Senator Gonzales
    - i) Meeting – August 18, 8:30am, Zoom
  - D) Holiday Market – Senator Moore
    - i) Meeting - TBA
  - E) Recognition Committee – Senator Vick
    - i) Meeting – TBA, will set soon
    - ii) Could use more members
  - F) Staff Relations Committee – Senator Czech
    - i) Meeting – August 16th, 9:30am, Zoom (meeting ID 94163741576)
    - ii) Minutes sent by email and on SP
    - iii) Questions
      - (1) Senator Moen – Regarding the contributions to the 457 and 403b, which ones are getting cut?
        - (a) They are looking at cutting the \$20 match. They are also looking at aligning us in terms of benefits and policies with the state, including taking away Winter Closure.
        - (b) Lou Ann – State employees also get regular longevity pay increases.

XI) Open forum

Meeting concluded. (Time not available)

Respectfully submitted,



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