

Administrative and Professional Faculty Senate

Business Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.
Heth 43/RUC 3rd Floor Board Room

Present: Staci Allen, Tom Bennett, Sandra Bond, Ashlee Claud, Charley Cosmato, Emily Fitzgerald, Mary Francis, David Halpin, Stephanie Hovsepian, Debra Johnson, Kay Johnson, Mark Lambert, Eric Lovik, Jess Rothe, Deana Sentman, Scott Shull, Tom Snediker, Malinda Tasler, Meghan Viet, Juan Urista

Not Present: Vanessa Conner, Matt Harman, Chad Hyatt

Guests: Tonia Andrews, Damien Allen, Teresa Anders, Alison Armstrong, Samantha Blevins, Trisha Calhoun, Princess Clark-Gaspard, Brandon Cohen, Sarah Cox, Phil Crigger, President Bret Danilowicz, Lisa Dinkle, Mary Fowler-Hughes, Susan Hudson, Jamie Linkous, Jason Lucas, Margaret McManus, Melissa Neal, Connie Phillips, D.J. Preston, Jamie Price, Jeanie Quesenberry, Sean Ramsey, Patrick Reed, Jonathan Renz, Christopher Stafford, Margie Vest, Bobbie Webster

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by President Ashlee Claud.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from February 12, 2024 were approved.
3. **Q&A with President Bret Danilowicz:**
Updates: The provost has hired her team. People are feeling good.

We can't control FAFSA – everyone is in the same boat. The application deadline shifted to June 1 from May 1. Enrollment is very important. Last year at this time, we had around 340 deposits. As of Monday this year, we have 504 deposits. Transfer students are up to 111 this year. We are up about 250 students from last year.

The Together Campaign has brought in 35 million more than the last two campaigns combined, which speaks well to our alumni, faculty, and staff. The assumption is that we will be hitting our goal successfully-ure ,Ø-shirts are available with the new branding. It is better for us to be on brand. The website is frozen March 11 and will Go Live on June 11.

Up to 10 dogs are in Tartan Tails, about half faculty and half AP faculty. Applications are due April 3. It is a lot of work with homework most evenings for you and your dog.

This weekend we are hosting the Scripps Regional Spelling Bee on campus. It is free at the Bonnie. We are trying to promote a culture of our students and employees attending things.

The current budget passed by the legislature has a 3 percent raise. University tuition may have a zero increase or go as high as 1.5%.

