

**Minutes**  
**25 April 2022, 4:00 PM**  
**University Faculty Senate**  
**Shawnee State University**

**1. Call to Order**

UFS President Tony Ward called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. This meeting was held via Collaborate.

**2. Roll Taking**

Secretary Sarah Ivers recorded the attendance (as follows):

Adam Miller, Bastien LeCouffe, Eugene Burns, Thomas Piontek, Georgeann Kamer, Thomas Bunting, Keijing Liu, Ryan Walker, Ruby Gray, Sarah Clausing, Barbara Warnock, Janet Feight, Phil Blau, Mikel Stone, and officers (Tony Ward, Erik Larson, James Reneau, Drew Feight, and Sarah Ivers).

Absent: Jon Bedick (was unable to connect to Collaborate)

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve minutes with corrections was made by Thomas Piontek and seconded by Thomas Bunting. Approved unanimously.

**4. Approval of Agenda**

Motion to accept the agenda with modifications was seconded by Phil Blau. Approved unanimously.

**5. Announcements and Remarks from the Senate President Tony Ward**

- a. President Ward thanked those that have served with him as he completes his last meeting as UFS President. He acknowledged the newly elected senators and executive committee members (election results were shared with faculty via email).
  - i. Mariah Woodward – President
  - ii. Jim Reneau – Treasurer
  - iii. Andrew Feight – Executive Committee University at-Large Representative
  - iv. Gene Burns – CAS Senator at Large
  - v. Mikel Stone – CPS Senator at Large
  - vi. Bastien LeCouffe – Fine, Digital, and Performing Arts Senator
  - vii. Jennifer Scott – English and Humanities Senator
  - viii. Thomas Bunting – Social Sciences Senator
  - ix. Andrea Zaph – Allied Health Sciences Senator
  - x. Sandra Beam – School of Education Senator
  - xi. Sandra Allen – Rehabilitation Sciences Senator
- b. At this time, there is a still an election being held in Nursing due to a tie, the outcome should be determined soon.

**6. Treasurer's Report: Jim Reneau**

No expenses for the year. Some compensation monies will be removed for the provost's budget, these are shown in the report. And end of year budget will be reported at the end of the fiscal year. Motion to second by Sarah Clausing. Passed unanimously.

## **7. Administration Reports:**

### **Dr. Jeff Bauer, President;**

- *General Comments:*
  - Thanked Tony Ward for his service as UFS President and welcomed Mariah Woodward into the role.
  - Reminded Faculty that commencement was the coming Saturday.
  - Fiscal Budget for year 2022 – 2023 will go to the Board for Approval
  - Revisions will be made to the Strategic Plan, with more clarity being added to the Academic Plan – completed tasks need to be eliminated, new tasks will need to be added/amended.
    - Steps will be taken to enhance diversity and inclusion on campus – amending what is already in our strategic plan.
  - Building our online capacity will be very important, as well as, expanding programs in strategic areas in the Business and Health Professions. This includes adding graduate programs.
  - Gateway Project is allowing us to draw the campus and community closer together with some development on university owned properties in the area.
  - Shawnee State is now offering free tuition for Pell eligible students in the junior counties in Ohio as well as three counties in Kentucky
    - This should help with enrollment that has declined during the pandemic, by offering an opportunity that is hard to refuse!

### **Dr. Sunil Ahuja, Provost**

- Also thanked Tony Ward for his service as UFS President and expressed his appreciation moving forward to work with Mariah Woodward.
- J1 Update: Thanked the group that has worked to correct many of the J1 issues, several of which have been solved. A few remain – these are likely beyond the realm of Academic Affairs and will need to be addressed over the summer.

### **Dr. Jennifer Pauley, Interim CAS Dean: J1 Updates**

- The J1 committee has continued meeting every Monday morning and has made progress on many goals. All the items on the list with a deadline of March 14<sup>th</sup> have been met. Many other items on the subsequent deadlines have also been addressed.
  - Advising Worksheets were a priority and the J1 committee has working in conjunction with Department Chairs and Program Leaders to take care of those. There may be some minor issues that remain, but we are in the process of working them out.
  - Institutional Requirement Trees have also been modified and updated.
  - Issues with Major 1 and Major 2 have been addressed.
  - Advisor assignments, especially those for special populations on campus (such as eCampus students) have been resolved. The flagging of athlete issues was part of this (as they are special population).
  - The university wide schedule is now available to the public.

- Currently working to address the issue of faculty needing access to non-advisees. Right now, many people do not have the permissions they need. A workaround with options has been made available through the office of the Provost.
- Some issues have later deadlines, such as those involving academic suspension and probation and GPA calculations for transcripts. These are still being addressed at this time. The same is true with questions and concerns regarding graduation petitions. This is a currently a focus of the Registrar's office.
- *The last meeting for the larger committee was this week. Work will continue through the summer – with a smaller working body.*
- Dr. Pauley expressed gratitude for everyone (especially the Registrar and the Staff in this Office) that has been part of this process and continues to work on it.
- There will be a J1 refresher training on Faculty Professional Day in the Fall.

**Dr. Jonica Burke, Budget Information:**

- Dr. Burke provided an explanation of the budget analysis that was shared with the Board of Trustees. The budget demonstrated the impact of the lower-than-expected enrollment due to the pandemic and other issues. She also explained why it is difficult to project the budget far into the future. Please see the Board of Trustees website for details regarding the budgetary update (will continue to change over summer into the fall and next fiscal year).
- There are some pockets of surplus in the budget. Overall, there is a budget deficit that must be addressed.
- *Provost Sunil also followed up and described that more information will be made available/finalized during the June Board of Trustees meeting.*

**8. Announcements from the Senate Floor**

None

**9. Committee and Director Reports**

**Erik Larson (OFC Update) – Report Included:**

[OFC Report to UFS on 4/25/2022](#)

[OFC had a meeting on April 8, 2022.](#)

[I'd like to share the highlights of our past meeting:](#)

[We had a very light agenda for our meeting. We discussed HB 327 and HB 616. We also discussed textbook adoption policies required by HB 110, which we will be voting on later this afternoon.](#)

[We heard from administrators at Wright State and Kent State who talked about student success efforts.](#)

[Of note, at our next meeting on June 10, 2022 we'll be meeting with Dr. Barabara Gellman-Danley, who is the President of the Higher Learning Commission.](#)

This concludes my report to UFS on OFC's recent meetings.

## **10. Unfinished Business**

None

## **11. New Business**

Course and program proposals 1 through 33 were proposed to be bundled, with the exception of item 11.67 – Philosophy 2600 Debating America proposal. Specifically, Tony Ward proposed to bundle items 11.1 through 11.66 and then 11.68 – 11.80. Jim Reneau motioned to bundle these items. Thomas Bunting seconded the motion for bundling. Bundling was approved unanimously. Thomas Piontek motioned to approve the bundled items; this was seconded by Drew Feight. The approval of the bundled items passed unanimously.

A discussion was held regarding item 11.67 (lasting approximately 30 minutes). Many people became actively involved in the discussion prior to being moved towards a vote. The item was seconded by Thomas Piontek. Item 11.67 did not pass a vote. 2 in favor, 11 against, 5 abstentions (one member had to leave prior to the vote).

Distance Learning Proposals Items 11.A. 1 – 10 were proposed to be bundled by Tony Ward. This was seconded by Janet Feight. The approval of the bundle passed unanimously. Georgeann Kamer motioned to approve the bundled items, this was seconded by Phil Blau. The bundled proposals passed unanimously.

## **12. Adjournment**

Seconded by Sarah Clausing and passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 5:21 pm.