

First UBSS Meeting

October 8, 2012

Notes provided by Karyn Schulz and edited by Teresa Callison

Attendees:

Teresa Callison
Stacey Marriott
Giordana Segneri
Kristen Tull
Dan Nagle
Nick Owens
Tarikul Islam
Magui Cardona
Robin Gunkel
Ron Vickers
Leslie Metzger
Robert Bogomolny

The first meeting after general elections was called to order by the former Chair of the UBAC, Karyn Schulz

Senators, newly elected to the newly formed UBSS, introduced themselves and shared why they were interested in being a part of UBSS. The group discussed one of the most important roles of the Senators was to share information and foster communication among constituents, UB shared governance groups and leadership.

Discussions were held regarding the process for nominating and electing the executive leadership and the respective roles.

- Chair (will also serve as UBSS rep on Governance Steering Council and report up and down)
- Vice Chair, (will also serve as UBSS rep on Governance Steering Council and report up and down)
- Secretary (take and disseminate minutes timely, maintain website)
- 2 CUSS representatives (represent UB to USM)

Nominations, including self-nominations would be accepted and solicited via email. The following Senators self-nominated:

- Vice Chair – Giordana Segneri
- Secretary – Teresa Callison
- CUSS representative – Dan Nagle

Nominations would be solicited via email for an election that will occur this week with the winners announced on Friday. The names of the Senators elected for these positions will be shared with the following:

- President's office

- Supervisor of each Senator
- Provost's office
- Governance Steering Council members
- CUSS Chair

A motion was forwarded to amend the by-laws to change meetings from the first Monday each month, to the second Monday of each month. It was unanimously approved. The by-laws will be amended to reflect the change.

President Bogomolny joined the meeting and shared his congratulations for our first meeting. He indicated his support of staff and his desire for UBSS to focus on work-life balance and suggested we engage Mary Maher, AVP of HR, in doing so. The President indicated he believes communication among the shared governance groups is stronger than in the past and is excited to see where we take this in the future. He also announced the state approved cost of living increases in January and potential merit next year. President Bogomolny departed.

We discussed the structure and communication flow with the Governance Steering Council to which the Past Chair, Karyn Schulz, indicated she felt strongly the newly formed structure will not only encourage better communication between staff, faculty and students but force it to happen. She also believes the members of the GSC are more than willing to make the new structure a strong and capable one that will help both UB move forward but also provide greater support for all involved and a stronger voice. However, at the time of this UBSS meeting, it was unclear how minutes and information would be formally disseminated from the GSC, as they had not yet officially met, awaiting formal UBSS representation.

A motion was made to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 pm.