

TO: Staff Senate
FROM: Pauline Palko
DATE: July
SUBJECT: Minutes of July 16, 2014 Meeting

In attendance: Ms. Mecadon, Ms. Barrett Notarianni, Ms. Palko, Ms. Tucker, Ms. Kocis, Ms. Barnoski, Mr. Barrett, Ms. Edwards, Mr. Pilger, Mr. Roginski, Mr. Sakowski, Ms. Shimsky, Mr. Davitt, Mr. Hallock, Ms. Bevacqua, Ms. Butler, Mr. Casabona, Ms. Freeman, Ms. Hollingshead, Mr. Murphy, Jr. Wet

- x Mr. Wetherell called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m. in the PNC Bank Board Room, Brennan Hall
- Ms. Palko offered the opening prayer
- Attendance was checked and it was agreed that there was quorum for voting purposes

reporting to Finance where it had been in the past; creates a better working system for

Mr. Davitt suggested Mr. Murphy and Mr. Sakowski discuss with Chief Bergmann and Captain Cadugan the emergency system's capabilities to receive text messages; noted that the system would have to be monitored

Ombudsman Report

Ms. Palko has edited the report compiled by the ad hoc committee

Mr. Murphy stated that ombuds functions were handled differently at each institution, value of report is that it outlines the history of the Ombuds question at the University of Scranton, reveals the efforts made toward providing ombuds functions within various offices within the University

Mr. Wetherell asked everyone to read the report before the August meeting

Mr. Wetherell stated that the Senate would vote on passing report to UGC

Roundtables—Mr. Wetherell intends to build time into the August meeting for each constituency to meet and choose dates for their roundtables

IT Policy— Mr. Wetherell noted that the new IT Policy currently in effect was not presented to the Senate for review prior to implementation because content and language were mandated by the government and industry requirements; primarily non-

Mr. Wetherell suggested the Senate think about organizing a committee to think through what Fairfield has done and possibly create a report to UGC or through Ms. Tetreault to leadership,

Mr. Murphy also cautioned that an article is not fact although the article sounds wonderful; believes it's a good project on a smaller scale for the Senate to work on a recommendation to the UGC

Open Items from the Floor—

Ms. Shimsky asked if the policy regarding essential personnel's accrued personal time for each day worked during inclement weather could be reviewed and revised, specifically how unused accrued personal days become sick time. Could a number of accrued personal days be rolled over to the next year instead of becoming sick time at the end of the year? Ms. Tetreault and Ms. Notarianni (HR) will consider further and report back the Senate at the August meeting. Send any ideas on how to do this to Ms. Notarianni before the next meeting

Mr. Barrett stated that he had been asked by a couple of employees if children of retirees from the University were eligible for tuition remission. Ms. Tetreault responded that if the retiree's situation fit the eligibility requirements (fifty-five years of age + twenty years of service; sixty-two years of age + ten years or more of service; age sixty-five + no service requirement) their children would be eligible for tuition remission

Committee Breakout Sessions: Time constraints did not allow for full committee breakouts, Wellness committee to meet immediately following meeting.

Mr. Murphy put forth a motion to adjourn; Mr. Roginski seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.