

CHICAGO STATE UNIVERSITY  
**UNIVERSITY BUDGET COMMITTEE (UBC/COMMITTEE) MINUTES**

11:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 14, 2024, VIA Zoom:  
<https://csu-edu.zoom.us/j/83655560404>

**Present**

Marcie Aranda (Advisor), Shawnice Avilez, Jacquelyn Benchik-Osborne, Bobbie Stewart, Michael Holmes, Neromi Horton (Ex Officio Secretary), Liefu Jiang, Nicole Latimer-Williams (Co-Chair and Advisor), Melany Puglisi-Weening, Valerie Riley (Co-Chair), and Pamela Sims.

**Absent**

Judith Birgen, Kevin Newell, Charlene Snelling, Scott Upshaw, Tereshia Weathers, and Tajuane Wes.

The meeting began about 12:35 p.m. with roll call taken. A quorum was confirmed.

**APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup> AND 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 UNIVERSITY BUDGET COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**MOTION**

Pamela Sims motioned to approve the April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 UBC minutes. The motion was seconded by Melany Puglisi Weeny. A voice vote was taken with all in favor and none opposed. The motion passed.

**MOTION**

Pam motioned to approve the April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024 UBC minutes, and the motion was seconded by Jacquelyn Benchik-Osborne. A voice vote was taken with none opposed. The motion passed.

**MEMBERSHIP**

Some of the members of the Committee have been serving longer than required by the bylaws. Employees generally serve two terms. Those who have been on the Committee for a longer period of time were asked to step down.

Melany Puglisi Weeny is the incoming Union President and is required to serve on the UBC in that capacity.

Jacquelyn Benchik-Osborne said she will step down if she has to, but it was stated she could remain. Valerie Riley stated she will step down as she has a lot of projects to start on.

The following have served two terms:

Valerie Riley  
Pamela Sims  
Melany Puglisi Weeny  
Bobbie Stewart

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Jacquelyn Benchik-Osborne  
Judith Birgen

Students serve only one term:

Tajuane Wes  
Tereshia Weathers

Valerie said she will contact someone to replace Melany. Two replacement Civil Service employees are also needed.

It was stated Judith Birgen is in Spain hiking, and someone was assured she would continue to serve. Melany is a representative of the Union and needed someone to take her place. Valerie will copy Nicole Latimer Williams and Neromi Horton when she writes the replacement employees. Toni McCoy Smith's name was mentioned as a Civil Service employee. There should be three Civil Service employees on the Committee.

The members needed to decide whether to vote now for the Committee offices (usually done in April) or to wait until the September meeting.

#### **MOTION**

Michael Holmes placed a motion on the floor to wait until September to vote on the Committee offices. The motion was seconded by Bobbie Stewart. A voice vote was taken with all in agreement and none opposed. The motion passed to wait until September to vote on the Committee offices.

Valerie will post the approved minutes on the website and SharePoint. She will make sure Neromi has access to SharePoint and the webpage to post the minutes.

Valerie let everyone know it was great working with them and she appreciated the great support system.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

#### **MOTION**

Melany Puglisi Weeny placed a motion to adjourn the meeting. Pamela Sims seconded the motion and all were in favor with none opposed. The meeting adjourned at 12:49 p.m.