Meeting Minutes NESS MEETING 5/15/2024

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Meeting notes:

- There were no action points from the last meeting.
- Sharon Paul presented the result of the NESS leadership election. The new Leadership team will start serving their two-year terms on July 1, 2024:

President: Helena Dahlen Vice President: Cathy Myers

Treasurer: Terisa White

- The feedback from the Professional Development Week and Luncheon was positive. The food was good, and the speaker was excellent. However, it was maybe a little too long to talk about Self-Care for a full hour.
- Feedback from the conversation with the President on May 10 was positive.
 Members enjoyed the open discussion forum and the openness of the President to answer any questions.
- Helena reported from the last IT Steering Committee meeting that a new Travel system is to be implemented. As of now, it looks like it will be SAP Concur. When

- the final contract is signed, it will take 7-12 months to implement. This system will be less clunky and integrate better with current University systems overall.
- General University Information. Helena reminded members that the Alternative Work Arrangement Survey must be completed before May 31.

For our upcoming meetings in the next term, we will try to find a meeting room that offers a true HYBRID version. Helena will update the calendar to reflect where that will be.

The next meeting will be on June 12 at 11:30 am.

At the pen: Helena Dahlen/ 05/15/2024