

Faculty Senate Report  
December 13, 2011

Department of Youth Development Faculty Senators: Matt Calvert, Donna Duerst, Joan Wimme  
Summary of Faculty Senate activities from the June and September meetings

Administration

Discussions were held with Chancellor Ray Cross, Dean Rick Klemme and Interim Provost Greg Hutchins on the following topics:

- Omnibus Motion #489 which outlines the proposed budget and flexibilities and reductions to the UW System base funding
- Elimination of Collective Bargaining
- UW-Colleges and UW-Extension Strategic Planning process
- Methods of demonstrating the value of UW-Extension
- Dan Hill has accepted the position of Interim Secretary of the Faculty and Academic Staff and Assistant Vice Chancellor the next year, effective July 18, 2011
- Staffing models, action teams, specialization, redistricting
- Concealed Carry Policy development

Faculty Senate Resolutions passed:

- Resolution on the Strategic Use of Temporary Hires to Fill UW-Extension Faculty Positions
- Resolution Honoring the Leadership of Marv Van Kekerix
- Resolution on the Importance of Maintaining Faculty Positions (Draft status)

Workshops Presented by Faculty Senate:

- SRP/FTAC Scholarship Forum, August
- Tenure Orientation Workshops, May and September
- Faculty Senate Orientation, September
- Faculty Governance Unit Chairs Orientation, June

Compilation of Department Issues

- Districts with fewer faculty and covering responsibilities
- Redistricting
- Impact of known and pending vacancies
- Electronic portfolio submission
- Academic freedom
- Salary and retention of faculty and staff
- Promote and communicate better understanding of the value and purpose of Faculty Governance and Faculty Senate to colleagues, including the role of governance in policy decisions
- Needs of probationary faculty
- Restructuring of program area teams
- Better understanding of faculty roles
- Scholarship
- Engaging all faculty and staff in governance issues
- How governance can help determine new staffing models for Cooperative Extension
- Roles of Faculty Senators