

## University Committee Report to Department of Youth Development

10/21/2010

Over the past several months the University Committee has work to address the following issues:

- 1) One of my goals as Chair for this year is to build better communication and understanding between Faculty Senate and University Committee. To work to this objective an orientation for new and returning Senators was held on August 18 via wis-line web. This archived program can be found at <http://www.uwex.edu/secretary/faculty-senate.html> and would be of great benefit for all faculty to listen to in an effort to gain a greater understanding and appreciation for being faculty members in UW-Extension.
- 2) At the request of several faculty members to have an opportunity to provide faculty input into Dean Klemme's Cooperative Extension "Maximizing our Resource Engine" exercise, Rick joined the September 7<sup>th</sup> Faculty Senate meeting to discuss and request input into this exercise from a faculty focused perspective.
- 3) Two Tenure Orientation workshops were held over the past calendar year. These workshops provide untenured faculty an opportunity to learn more about the institution in reference to tenure and to gain a better understanding of Articles of Faculty Governance dealing with portfolio compilation and scholarship assessment in reference to tenure. Departments are also given time with untenured faculty to provide departmental focused requirements as well as collegial support.
- 4) A Tenure and Scholarship Forum was held in August for Departmental SRP representatives, FTAC members, Departmental Chairs, mentors, and administration with objectives being building common language and understanding around tenure and its assessment. There was healthy and productive dialogue and this opportunity will happen on a somewhat regular basis.
- 5) Each county selected a Faculty Governance Unit Chair in March. These chairs are elected by the faculty in a unit, have to be a faculty member, and do not have to be the Department Head. An orientation took place for these chairs in June and we continue to work to provide clarity for these chairs and county department heads and their roles in faculty evaluation dealing with promotions.
- 6) **UW-Extension Expanded Budget Planning Committee** - With the start of FY11, the expectation was that GPR budget authority lapsed in FY10 by the divisions and the administrative units would continue to be lapsed in FY11. However, due to a combination of tuition related furlough savings and the 2010-11 tuition increase of 5.5%, UW System is restoring those lapsed amounts to institutional budgets. The total amount being returned to UW-Extension is \$672,700. (FY10 \$629,300 and FY11 \$43,400). Given the insignificance of the FY11 amount, we had planned to absorb that through institutional carry forward. The \$672,700 is now in a holding account pending a decision to reinvest the dollars. To address this; the Chancellors office is reconvening the UW-Extension Expanded Budget Planning Committee to provide input into the decision of how to reinvest the dollars.