

Academic Staff Council
10 March 2009
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
The Pyle Center, Madison WI

Present: Allisanne Apple, Lynn Blinkenberg, Jerry Clark, Michael Maguire, Lisa Nielsen Agnew,

Excused: Bev Phillips

Also Present: Christine Quinn, Ray Schultz

1. The meeting was called to order at 11:08 a.m. and certified as meeting open meetings requirements.
2. Motion to approve the 10 December 2008 minutes by Blinkenberg. Apple seconded and the motion passed. Motion to approve the 11 February 2009 minutes with the additions of the date and time of the meeting and the start of the meeting at 9:03 a.m. by Apple. Seconded by Clark and the motion passed.
3. Chair's Report. There was a meeting last week with the Chancellor, the budget committee, and the Deans and Directors of Extension and of the Colleges. Maguire noted there have been a couple of meetings of the budget committee. There have been many discussions and Maguire noted that even in very tight budget times the Innovation Fund of \$100,000 has remained in the budget. He notes this is a good sign as keeping a view toward the future and the continuing need to be innovative.

Maguire reported on the possibility of a 1% cut on all non-federal funds to Extension. This could be very difficult for Extension and the Chancellor is working to help reduce this cut.

In the budget there is a give back of auxiliary funds. Maguire noted these funds were to provide tuition relief for students from low income families. Maguire noted this followed from a perspective described by Biddy Martin, the new Chancellor for the UW-Madison, as a "hold harmless perspective" on tuition increases so they do not overly affect low income families.

A budget memo was developed by the budget committee that described the basic parameters and a tool kit to be used by Extension in developing the means to cope with the coming budget deficit. Maguire will send this memo to Council members.

The proposals for the budget need to be into the "Red Book" by 4/15, and back from the Deans and Directors by 3/30, so the Chancellor can consolidate the divisional budgets and respond by the 4/15 deadline.

Maguire reported that this budget consideration committee had a wonderful process and he was glad that he was one of the members at the table to represent shared governance.

Maguire began a discussion of the DRAFT 2009-2010 schedule distributed to members. He noted that with the co-located meetings, there are great ideas developed, but at the moment there is no specific follow up on these. He noted the Colleges is very open to co-located opportunities for collaboration.

Perhaps there could be a small group of Extension and Colleges personnel to pull together the specifics for any co-located meetings in 2009-2010. Could there be break out groups. Who attends should be discussed. How to implement ideas raised should be discussed. Perhaps the work of the co-located meeting(s) could be aligned with the Institutional Strategic Plan. This should be discussed at the Joint meeting coming up at 1 pm today.

If the joint meeting this year is at Fond du Lac, we should look at what they are doing to reach out to the community. We should look at how to increase awareness about each other's institution.

Maguire brought up web postings for academic staff council information, agendas, minutes, etc. ACTION: Apple will talk to Schultz and Delaney about web site updates. Apple will talk with IT.

4. Academic Staff Reps Report. Culviner was not present for the meeting. Questions were raised about the letter from the UWS Academic Staff Reps Council to the President, and the status of UPG 3.05 for Extension. ACTION The issue was Tabled to the next meeting.
5. Committee Reports:
 - a. Communications: The committee has not met
 - b. Nominations
 - i. Academic Staff Council Awards
 - ii. Hearing Committee – nominees are needed
 - iii. Academic Staff Council Nominations – ACTION Blinkenberg will talk to Ray
 - c. Distinguished Prefix – ACTION Item tabled to next meeting.
6. Title Review Committee

This committee could be “winding down” as a subcommittee of ASC. In past it was an ad hoc committee. Maguire said that this area may be best handled by those people “responsible” for title review. This caught attention of HR people. The practice is different between divisions. The Title Review work group will propose language changes to UPG #15 and present these to the Council.
7. Response to UWS 11 and possible actions from Council. Maguire noted the similarity of options 3 and 4 on the draft resolution worked up by Phillips and distributed to Council members. Maguire noted it was a 2 page chapter and now is a 4 page chapter. Maguire noted the changes sets up possibilities for real contentious issues and interactions for UW System personnel and UW System administration.

Maguire questioned what does the new process (added sections) add and what are the new concerns about due process? Maguire noted the current code allowed for a straight forward process.

The Council generally supports option #4. ACTION Have this on the next meeting agenda. Ask Schultz to distribute a revised UWEX 11 with the added sections and include Option 4 in the wording in case this revision is approved.
8. Adjourned at 12:43 pm
Minutes prepared by Schultz