

University Committee - UW-Extension
Pyle Center Rm 201
Madison, WI 53703
13 August 2008, 10:00 – 11:15 am

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair David Nack, Vice-Chair Chris Kniep, Kathleen Haas, David Hart, and Chuck Prissel (by phone). Also present Chancellor David Wilson, Ann Keim, Ray Schultz

COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED: Greg Blonde.

- I. CALL TO ORDER/CERTIFICATION OF OPEN MEETING NOTICE COMPLIANCE: David Nack called the meeting to order at 10:09. Chuck joined the meeting via teleconference.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The July 8 minutes were approved as distributed. The June 10 minutes approval was postponed until the September meeting due to lack of members who were present at the June meeting.
- III. CHAIR'S REPORT: David Nack shared some welcoming thoughts.
- IV. David Hart agreed to be the UC representative to the Systemwide Extension Council for 2008-2009
- V. Discussion: 12 August Tenure Communications Forum
Members who were present shared their impressions of the forum. Generally the forum was well received and entailed much needed discussions of scholarship, mentoring processes used by different departments, and the relative rolls and responsibilities of departmental SRPs and the FTAC. There were differences of opinion about the different rolls and responsibilities and this was exactly what the forum wished to air and to begin discussions to share ideas and opinions so different groups can begin to develop shared understandings of the different rolls and responsibilities of different groups.

After sharing ideas and thought by members, Chancellor Wilson offered a summary of this discussion by offering 3 perspectives:

1. There seems to be a lack of understanding of the operations of the tenure and promotion process.
2. There seems to be a lack of clarity around how to assess scholarship by different groups and about what are Extension's expectations about scholarship
3. There may be a lack of understanding about what are the benefits of scholarship for both individuals and county political structures.

Diversity of scholarship, what it is, how it is conducted, how it is reviewed, how it is used is very important to Extension and we might all benefit from more discussions about these issues.

Members generally agreed that there should be more discussions about scholarship and include in the discussions what tenure means to Extension and the benefits of tenure to faculty and to the counties.

It was suggested to have an update, overview, and discussion of the Forum and Orientation Workshop on the agenda for the September meeting of the Faculty Senate.

Thoughts were shared about the continuing need to have the Communications Forum and the Tenure Orientation Workshop. A third workshop aimed at helping new members to the SRPs and to FTAC each year meet to talk about scholarship, its assessments and evaluation, the relative roles of SRPs and FTAC.

- VI. Discussion: 26 August Faculty Tenure Orientation Forum. Chris Kniep shared with the members the plans being developed for the Workshop to be held in two weeks. Members liked the current plans and encouraged additional discussion.
- VII. PROACTIVE DISCUSSION OF INSTITUTIONAL ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES APPROPRIATE FOR FACULTY GOVERNANCE (COMMITTEE): Corrections made to this statement: Academic "Faculty" rather than "staff" and "Committee" rather than "Council."
- XI. ADJOURN: The separate meeting of the University Committee adjourned at 11:10 am and members proceeded to the joint meeting with the Academic Staff Council in room 225.