

University Committee  
UW Extension  
432 N. Lake St., Room 523  
Madison, WI 53706

April 14, 2009 1:00 – 4:00pm

Present: David Nack, Chris Kniep, Greg Blonde, Madeline Gotkowitz (for Dave Hart), Chuck Prissel, Kathleen Haas

Guests: Chancellor Wilson, Christine Quinn and Ray Schultz

- I. Call to Order/Certification of Open Meeting Notice Compliance: David Nack called the meeting to order and met compliance of open meeting notice.
- II. Approval of Minutes of March 10, 2009 Meeting: With the addition of David Nack's last name being added throughout the collective bargaining / shared governance discussion in the minutes, Chuck Prissel moved to approve the minutes. Chris Kniep seconded his motion. The minutes were approved.
- III. Chancellor's and Provost's Report: Chancellor Wilson will report on recent visits to the Capitol and the budget. State Capitol: Wisconsin is better off than many other states. Governor is protecting UW funding. Chancellor has met with all members of the Joint Finance Committee and the leadership in both the Assembly and Senate taking with him our Annual Report. Testified before Sen. Lassa's sub-committee on the economic impact of Extension jobs across the state. The Chancellor spoke of the Economic Development Portal and the Adult Student Initiative. Participated in a panel created by Rep. Hixon that addressed the impact of UW System overall. Others were Pres. Reilly, Biddy Martin, Carlos Santiago and Rick Wells. Participated in two presentations at national conferences. Budget: Workgroups were set up in both institutions and they devised a list of principles to use throughout the budget process. They have completed their work and given the Chancellor their recommendations. Extension will give back \$3.3 million. The Basin Educator program will be spared with bridge funding for the next two years. As a committee member, Chris Kniep reflected on her experience. There was some discussion and some questions. Provost's Report: Article 5, Appendix I B and II B are on their way to System. They relate to tenure recommendations and scholarship. Christine talked of the value of scholarship. Has had several visits, meetings and tours across the state and they are always informational, enlightening and rewarding. Addressed the JCEP conference in Madison recently. WisLine regarding organizational changes in the VC office. Christine recapped the history the led to the reorganization of rolling the Secretary of the Faculty and Academic Staff into the now empty position of Assistant Vice Chancellor position. Responsibilities will include governance, accountability / assessment and collaborative efforts across the division, the institution and the university as a whole. As a result of that conversation, Christine has agreed to look at the language in the PD and later, with discussion from Nack and Apple, identified next steps which includes creating a small group to work on the adjustments to the PD on a short timeline.
- IV. System Faculty Reps Council Report: Rene Mehlberg submitted her report. She suggested a resolution of support regarding domestic partners be done by this body. Discussion followed on proceeding with such a resolution. *ACTION\*\*\** David Nack feels this body can send the former resolution along to the JFC and inform them of our past resolutions supporting domestic partners.
- V. Draft Schedules for 2009-2010: Two schedules were offered, with both regular meetings and co-located meetings. Chris Kniep moved to accept one of the schedules and Chuck Prissel seconded the motion. Resolution: Adopt the calendar w/one co-located Senate meeting. In September, the UC will meet from 11:30am – 1:00pm and then with ASC from 1:00 – 4:00. Vote: Ayes have it and the motion carried.
- VI. Chair's Report: Last meeting on shared governance and collective bargaining was informational as well as an educational opportunity. Felt the same about the teleconference. Thanks to Christine and all who participated in the teleconference. Has received much input and is grateful. Faculty sentiment does not favor making the Secretary of the Faculty and Academic Staff an administrative position. Because of work seen as ombudsman or advocate this job should be a stand alone position. Asked why this is a ½ time job and not a fulltime job. Today we must establish a committee to work on the PD's that are out there and we need to be a voice for the faculty. If that voice says to keep the Secretary of the Faculty and Academic Staff position, we must pass a resolution. Secondly, we will have to decide if a meeting w/the Faculty Senate is necessary.

Ray Schultz was asked to leave the meeting for the following discussion. After about ten minutes he was asked to return

VII. Quinn noted the following as next steps –

1) Re-evaluate the title of the AVC position and consider how we might reflect the Sec of the Faculty functions in the title,

2) Establish a small committee to modify and clarify the PD. She recommends a committee of 3.

Nack added two more steps:

3) Resolution about what our position is as the UC in regard to the Secretary of the Faculty position. Clarify that Nack's position is only regarding the Secretary of the Faculty and Academic Staff position and no other part of the reorganization

4) Call a special meeting of the Senate and have them weigh in – most likely via teleconference.

Discussion of and Possible Action Concerning the Reorganization of the Office of the Vice Chancellor and Provost: Discussion on terminology, administrative, advocate, guidelines and regulations as they all relate to the position of Secretary to the Faculty etc.. Greg Blonde noted that Article 1 – UW-Extension – definition used re: faculty governance – appointed by the Chancellor after consultation w/the Faculty Committee. Other UPG sections were quoted.

Greg Blonde moved to request from the chancellor and vice chancellor to maintain a separate and succinct Secretary of the Faculty and Academic Staff position at a ½ time. Kniep seconded the motion. Kniep offered a drafted resolution and passed it around for review. Blonde said his department does not want to lose what they currently have. Nack said Greg can accept Chris's amendment wording as a friendly amendment. Different members suggested modifications to Kniep's resolution – with full title Secretary of the Faculty and Academic Staff in all places that it relates to and w/change wording of governance to UC in the last paragraph. The position be maintained by title as Secretary of the Faculty and Academic Staff etc and the duties and responsibilities remain the same at an .5 FTE position and the remainder of that position be filled with additional roles. Madeline opposed Haas' idea and thinks we should amend the current motion that is on the table and keep paragraph 3 and 4 that says don't merge the Secretary of the Faculty and Academic Staff into this position, but look at Secretary of the Faculty and Academic Staff and see what can be added by the UC. Kniep said that what she has heard is desires to retain the title and the position. Clarifying further roles and responsibilities gets at what is out there and how all of this works. Essence is – this is an important position and title to maintain as we know it. Blonde – by maintaining this as a .5 Secretary of the Faculty and Academic Staff position and other administrative responsibilities to the AVC .5 position is in agreement. Blonde moves to withdraw the motion – Nack is fine to withdraw the first motion. Motion to withdraw first motion, seconded by Madeline. Discussion on this motion? None. Vote – Ayes have it. Blonde: Moves that UC support maintaining the Secretary of the Faculty and Academic Staff position at a minimum of .5 FTE and that representatives of the UC work with the Chancellor and VC at their request to further explore the reorganization of the Vice Chancellor's office and any additional duties, responsibilities that be assigned to the Secretary of the Faculty and Academic Staff. Second to the motion – hearing none – the motion failed. Kniep – moves that the resolution as amended – word – be retained, adding academic staff in title throughout and substituting UC Committee for governance groups and in the last paragraph add Sec of the Faculty. Chuck Prissel seconded the motion. Wilson – Last paragraph the position of Secretary of the Faculty and Academic Staff be maintained at a minimum .5FTE. AND later same sentence – to further determine additional responsibilities. We further resolve that position of Secretary of the Faculty and Academic Staff be maintained at minimum of .5 and the University Committee work with the Chancellor and VC provost to further refine etc. to Secretary of the Faculty and Academic Staff at the end. Further discussion – none. Vote: Ayes have it. The resolution is stored in an attached document.

Nack's - remaining issues – develop a committee and if we want a special meeting of the senate. – Quinn – can we set up the small committee? Nack – one person from this committee – and preferable one from the Senate perhaps. Schultz – would you consider waiting for the ASC meeting tomorrow? Nack – we will work w/them if they want. Re: teleconference – Kniep feels if Nack sends word to the Senate from this meeting a teleconference will not be needed. Chris Kniep volunteered for the small committee. Greg Blonde volunteered to work with them. Nack needed to leave the meeting so asked about a teleconference to continue this meeting and complete the agenda. A review or remaining agenda items eliminated the need of a teleconference. Quinn – appreciated the conversation today – please be cognizant of time and the sooner we can get together the better. Suggested Tom Evans should be on the small committee. All agreed. Adjourned at 4:00pm

Minutes compiled by Molly Delaney