University Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, February 9, 2010  
1-4pm  
Extension Building, Rm. 523  
via WisLine

Present:  
Chris Kniep, Chuck Prissel, Greg Blonde, Kathleen Haas, Corliss Olson, Tom Evans, Greg Hutchins, Judy Ballweg, Christine Quinn, David Wilson

1. Meeting called to order at 1:05pm by Chris Kniep and certified the open meeting requirements.

2. Approval of minutes of the January 12, 2010 meeting.  
Tom moved to approve, Chuck seconded, minutes approved.

   - Nominations are being received for the UW Colleges and UW-Extension new Chancellor Search and Screen Committee. Deadline is February 19. The committee will convene in early March.
   - UW Online is moving forward in an effort to maximize access.
   - Board of Regents meeting was held last week. A dinner was held to honor student leaders. Neil Jackson, Lincoln County, was in attendance and terrific representative for 4-H and UW-Extension.
   - Stephan Gilchrist, chief diversity officer and director of the Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, UW-Extension and UW Colleges, will begin on February 15.
   - The UW Colleges and UW-Extension Multicultural Awareness Program facilitation team was awarded the 2010 Board of Regents Diversity Award during the Board of Regents meeting on February 5.
   - President Reilly has established the Competitive University Workforce Commission (CUWC) with the charge of assessing current compensation and benefit levels of UW System faculty and unclassified staff against peer institutions and to make recommendations on how best to close any 2010 competitive gap in compensation and/or benefits. Steve Wildeck, Vice Chancellor for Administrative and Financial, UW Colleges/UW-Extension has been appointed to the commission.
   - Bachelors of Applied Arts and Sciences (BAAS)
     - UW Colleges and UW-Extension’s entitlement proposal to offer the BAAS degree has been approved.
     - Six campuses (Baraboo, Richland, Rock, Barron, Marathon, Waukesha) will participate in addition to an online offering.
     - Targeted group includes adults and non-traditional students.
     - A distance learning workgroup has been created to explore online programs.
     - Next step will be to identify what’s needed in crafting the authorization degree proposal.
   - UW Colleges and UW-Extension administration met with gubernatorial candidates (Scott Walker, Tom Barrett, Mark Neuman) to discuss statewide programs and their impact.
4. Provost Report – Christine Quinn
   - Bachelors of Applied Arts and Sciences (BAAS)
     - UW Colleges and UW-Extension’s entitlement proposal to offer the BAAS degree has been approved. See Chancellor Wilson’s report, above.
   - UW Online (UWC, UW-Ext) – exploring new name UW E-campus. A distance learning workgroup has been created to explore online programs.
   - Broadband
     - A $28 million grant and an incredible collaboration being supported by UW System, the Governor’s Office, and local legislators.
     - Many institutions are involved that support communities (ex: library, hospital).
     - Grant submission deadline is March 16.
   - Sustainable Communities Public Policy Forum is scheduled for March 25-26, UW-Fox Valley. Website: http://sustainablecommunitiesforum.wisconsin.edu/
   - Participated in Board of Visitors meeting held last week at UW-Marathon County in a continued effort to offer opportunities for the Board of Visitors to gain additional knowledge about the work of UW Colleges and UW-Extension.
   - Program Innovation Fund
     - One-time funding ($125,000) will be made available to support collaborative work that builds capacity and helps us achieve our strategic priorities.
     - Greg Hutchins is taking the lead. Be looking for a call for proposals in the coming weeks with a deadline of May 3, 2010.

5. Chair Report – Chris Kniep
   - Items to discuss will be covered later in the agenda – Faculty Governance Unit election, Search and Screen Committee for the new Chancellor, Tenure Process, and Scholarship Efforts.

6. Nominations for the Search and Screen Committee for the new Chancellor for UW Colleges and UW-Extension – Chris Kniep
   - The list of 18 needs to be narrowed down to 12. Discussion followed and 12 names will move forward. Greg and Judy will work on finalizing the list including 3-4 sentences describing each individual’s uniqueness and strengths. Names need to be submitted to Kevin Reilly by February 19.

7. Faculty Governance Unit Election – Greg Hutchins
   - An email to non-integrated faculty members was sent February 5 detailing and defining the election process in addition to attaching a ballot for their use. This information is also posted to the website -- http://www.uwex.edu/secretary/ -- under What’s New. Election results are coming in.
   - Greg and Chris will participate in the Academic Department Chairs WisLine, Feb 10.
   - Greg will also be participating in a Faculty Governance Unit “table talk” scheduled during the statewide Department Head Conference, March 11, 7:30-8:30am, Elkhart Lake.
   - FGU will also be a topic of discussion during the Academic Leadership Standing Committee meeting scheduled for February 11. Greg is unable to participate.
   - After all FGU Chairs have been elected, an orientation WisLine will be held, sometime in May.
   - Discussion and questions followed.
8. Committee Assignment Reports
   Systemwide Extension Council – Tom Evans
   • Next meeting is March 3 in Madison. The agenda will follow the plans for the December meeting which will focus on marketing/communications for UW-Extension.

   Academic Leadership Standing Committee – Chuck Prissel
   • Next meeting is scheduled for February 11.

   Faculty Reps Council – Chris Kniep
   • Next meeting is scheduled for February 19.

   Furlough Impacts Committee – Kathleen Haas
   • The committee will meet in Spring 2010 to determine if the Institution is on track with data collection and reporting. A concern being expressed by employees is vacation carryover being lost as a result of Furlough Days – after taking the required furlough days there is not enough time left to take vacation and get the work done.

9. Faculty Senate Committees
   2010 Tenure Orientation Workshops – Chris Kniep
   • Catherine Neiswender is chairing the 2010 committee. Dates/Location is set – May 10 and September 14, Holiday Inn Hotel and Convention Center, Stevens Point. Chris thanked Judy and Greg for securing the location, making arrangements and taking over the preparation of materials for the workshops.

   Tenure and Scholarship Annual Review Forum – Kathleen Haas, Greg Blonde
   • Greg, Kathleen and Greg Hutchins met to determine date and develop agenda. Judy will send out an email message alerting program areas, district offices and academic department chairs of the possible date – August 3, 4, or 5 – to be held in Stevens Point. The target audience is SRP committee members, FTAC committee members, mentors, and academic department chairs.

10. UW Colleges and UW-Extension Joint Meeting (March 5, UW-Fond du Lac)
    • Planning Team meet via WisLine on January 22. Follow up WisLine is scheduled for February 16. Agenda is coming together. UW-Ext governance groups are scheduled to meet separately in the afternoon, beginning at 12:40pm. It was suggested that governance groups conclude their meetings by 3:30pm.

Here’s a tentative agenda:

9am   Coffee and Conversation

9:30am  UW Colleges and UW-Extension Joint Meeting
        Welcoming Remarks:  Chancellor David Wilson

10:20am  UW Colleges and UW-Extension Joint Meeting
        Panel Discussion:  Learning at a Distance

11:30am  UW Colleges and UW-Extension Group Lunch
        Presentation:  Stephan Gilchrist, Chief Diversity Officer
        UW Colleges and UW-Ext
12:40-3:30pm UWC and UW-Ext governance groups will plan their own separate afternoon meeting(s).

Be looking for an email from Judy detailing the day along with registration information.

- The group agreed to have a Faculty Senate meeting separate from Academic Staff Council.

11. Scholarship Efforts – Greg Blonde
- There was a discussion about scholarship and the role of academic staff. Much of the discussion focused on how scholarship provides opportunities and at the same time respecting the broad range of academic staff positions with varying duties that don’t necessarily directly link to scholarly work. As the Academic Staff Council works on revisions to their policies, they will be taking a closer look at scholarship opportunities.

12. Tenure Process – Chris Kniep
- Today’s snowfall prevented a meeting with Christine Quinn. Working to reschedule the conversation.

~minutes submitted by Judy Ballweg~