

University Committee  
Pyle Center - Room 325  
702 Langdon Street  
Madison WI 53706

July 7, 2009 11:30 – 1:00

University Committee members present: Greg Blonde, Tom Evans, Kathleen Haas, Chris Kniep and Chuck Prissel via phone

Absent: Corliss Olson

Guests: Chancellor David Wilson, Provost Christine Quinn, and Ray Schultz

- I. Call the meeting to order. Chris Kniep called the meeting to order at 11:40 am and certified that open meeting requirements had been met.
- II. Approval of Minutes. The minutes of 9 June 2009 were reviewed. There were a few questions about Items 8 and 10. The draft minutes will be reviewed and brought back to the Committee in August.
- III. Faculty Tenure Orientation planning group update: Chris Kniep: First workshop this Thursday – July 9<sup>th</sup>. Over 25 have registered. Will be sharing the revisions to IB and IIB (now termed IC and IIC) and what they are and what they mean at that workshop. Reviewers need to understand both versions of the Appendixes (IB and IIB, and IC, and IIC). Both versions are available for choice for those going through the tenure process. The next and last orientation workshop will be in September.
- IV. Tenure Reflection Discussion. This topic should be termed Scholarship and Tenure Reflection. Kathleen Hass is continuing to help lead this effort. Art Lersch is no longer on the planning committee. Kathleen would like someone else to be assigned or volunteer to work with her on this effort. The plan is to hold the reflection discussion in the fall.

The Eastern and Central Districts of Coop are holding a meeting in November focusing on scholarship, broadly defined for both faculty and academic staff. There is concern how this discussion and other efforts regarding scholarship will interface with the tenure orientation workshops and with the planned reflection discussion.

- V. Faculty Hearings Committee Update. The election of new members was held in June. Three members were elected, two to new terms (terms ending in 2012) and one a replacement for a member who left Extension. Connie Abert was elected to a new term. Jeff Hoffman was reelected to the committee for a new term, and Tom Evans was elected to the replacement term which ends in 2010.
- VI. Academic Department Elections Update. The Family Department needs to select their representative to the SEC. Labor Education has selected Corliss Olson for the

University Committee and will not fill their seat on the Faculty Senate. Chris Kniep asked for information about the Past Chair Ex-Officio Member of the University Committee. Ray says the position can be filled by David Nack if he would like it. ACTION \*\*\* Chris Kniep will contact David Nack to encourage him to fill this seat.

- VII. Furloughs. Chancellor Wilson reported on the latest information contained in an email from him to all staff this morning. He indicated that a great deal of thought had gone into the process and the selection of the four mandated dates. Discussion ensued and clarifications about the differences in Tables A, B, and C were detailed. All members need to keep in touch with Human Resources as the implementation of furloughs begins to take place. Rationale for the differences in reporting mechanisms for Groups A, B, and C was shared.
- VIII. Bus Passes. Chris received an email regarding the discontinuation of complimentary bus passes for Extension staff. This issue was pursued and it was determined that complimentary bus passes would continue to be available to Extension staff. Chris used this as an example of everyone needing to listen carefully and be aware of as faculty issues. It was mentioned that emeritus UWEX faculty in Dane County used to receive bus passes but that perk has been removed.
- IX. Joint meeting agenda discussion. Nothing specific.
- X. Proactive discussion of issues. UC will need to fill the SEC seat at the next meeting. Chris has offered to be the representative to the UW System Faculty Reps Council as this representative is an important information sharer and needs to be more closely linked to the UC and the Chancellor and Provost for Extension. Chuck Prissel has offered to be the UC representative to the Academic Leadership Standing Committee of Coop. These appointments will be confirmed at the August meeting.

The Provost requested feedback from the University Committee on the candidates for the new Secretary of the Faculty / Assistant Vice Provost position. Ray left the room for this discussion and feedback was provided.

Members were asked to think about holding one or two UC meetings in the next year as WisLines to save time and cost. This should be a topic on the next agenda.

- XI. Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm

Minutes drafted by Molly Delaney and Ray Schultz