ACADEMIC STAFF COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, March 3, 2015
11:30am-1pm
Pyle Center, Madison

Attendees: Ryan Anderson, Tom Culviner, Bill Klase, Lori Skelton, Erik Ernst, Emily Johnson, Krystal Wambold, Greg Hutchins, David Prucha, Judy Ballweg

Call to Order at 9am and Certification of Open Meeting Notice Compliance – Emily Johnson

Approval of February meeting minutes
Minutes approved.

Provost Dialogue – Aaron Brower
• In regards to the Governor’s proposed budget, a weekly WisLine has been scheduled with governance group chairs as a way to share information and keep the line of communication open as we wait to hear specific from UW System. There will be a series of budget meetings/exercises with divisional deans and directors to determine how best each will plan for the anticipated budget cut. These recommendations are due to the Provost Office by March 20. Soon after, an inclusive institutional budget advisory committee will be created to study and advice on next steps.
• Two handouts were shared: “Benefits of the UW System Authority Proposal” and UW System Authority 2015-17 Budget Proposal Summary. Copies can be found on the Chancellor Budget Blog
• April will be a very busy month filled with campaigning, legislative visits and telling our story.

Program Managers / academic staff titles review update – David Prucha
• Divisional Human Resource leaders met to discuss the lack of progression within the Program Managers category of employment. All leaders are supportive of an internal approach to updating the process/criteria. Jason Beier, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Human Resources, is also supportive. An internal approach will need the Chancellor’s approval (not the Board of Regents). David has offered to draft “an internal approach” and share at the April 7 ASC meeting.

Resolution of Governor’s proposed budget
• Emily earlier distributed, via email, the proposed Joint Communication (Resolution) from Official Faculty Governance. Krystal and Emily will work on revising the language to be more inclusive of academic staff. The revised resolution will be distributed to UW System President, UW System Board of Regents President and others.

Joint Committee on Merit (ASC, FS, CSC)
• Two representatives from each governance group will be on this committee to develop a merit-based employee recommendations report. Academic Staff Council will be represented by Bill Klase and John Munson (or Lori Skelton). John was not present and will need to be contacted by Emily prior to accepting this assignment. Revisit this topic at the Joint Meeting today at 1:30pm.

Academic Staff Council Outreach Activities – Emily Johnson
• Not all Council members had a revised copy of the powerpoint presentation. Revisit and approve this resource at the April 7 meeting.

Chair Report – Emily Johnson
• Participating in Weekly WisLines “Update from the Provost” in an effort to share timely information and to keep the lines of communication open as we wait to hear specifics about the proposed budget.
• UWC/UWEX Administrative Council Report: Congratulations on a successful Garden Expo,
DEED has a new divisional name -- Division for Business and Entrepreneurship, UW College reported increased enrollment.

- Discussion and questions followed.

**Planning “out of Madison” Council Meeting – Ryan Anderson, Bill Klase, Krystal Wambold**

- Suggested location: Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield Hotel
- Suggested date: July 7 or August 4
- Suggested inviting Milwaukee BOR representatives [Eve Hall; Anika Purath (student)]
- Work with Molly Duval to connect with BOR representatives
- Need prior approval from business services for out of area meeting expenses

**Council “Big 3”**

1. David Prucha spoke with the Council about the Program Manager title review process. He will draft a process similar to the professional series progression for the Council to review at their April meeting.
2. Academic Staff Council is working on a resolution regarding the deep budget cuts proposed by the Governor.
3. Academic Staff Council Elections are coming up soon! If you’re interested in running for a seat, you may self-nominate or, if you know someone who would make a great council member, please nominate them (with their permission, of course).
4. **BONUS!**
   Academic Staff Hearings Committee still has vacancies. If you’re interested in serving, please contact Ryan Anderson (ryan.anderson@uwex.edu), Bill Klase (William.klase@ces.uwex.edu), or Erik Ernst (erik.ernst@wpt.org).

**Future agenda topics:**

- Budget Update
- Review/approve Academic Staff shared governance resolution
- Planning “out of Madison” Council Meeting – Bill, Krystal, Ryan
- Program Managers title restructure design – David Prucha
- Review/approve Academic Staff Council PowerPoint presentation and calendar

Meeting adjourned at 1:10pm.
~minutes submitted by Judy Ballweg~