

ACADEMIC STAFF COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, September 10, 2013

11:30am – 1pm

Pyle Center, Rm. 320

Attendees: Ray Cross, Greg Hutchins, John Munson, Aaron Brower, Christine Curley, Pamela Seelman, Bill Klase, Emily Johnson, Tom Culviner, Erik Ernst, Jessica Tormey
Phone: Lori Skelton

1. Call to Order at 11:30am and Certification of Open Meeting Notice Compliance – John Munson, Vice Chair
2. Approval of August 6 meeting minutes
Bill moved to approve, Pamela seconded, minutes approved.
3. Chancellor Dialogue
 - Chapter 10 Revised Language Discussion at Deans & Directors Meeting
The Chancellor is supportive and asking for patience as the work continues to explore and revise the language. It was suggested that we invite David Prucha to an upcoming meeting.
 - Shared Governance for Classified Staff
The Board of Regents has approved an interim policy enabling classified staff to engage in shared governance. UW-Ext and UW Colleges staff is being brought into the conversation.
 - Government Relations with Jessica Tormey (External Relations candidate)
Currently working on ways to move past the “reserve” issue and exploring ways to improve our relationship with the legislators before the next budget cycle starts. Unclear about the UPS implementation plan. We are hearing rumbling on reforming shared governance and about the scope and role going forward. The legislators want the UW to succeed and where they differ from us is in how they want that to happen. Lots of concerns about where the legislature is heading.
4. Interim Provost Update – Aaron Brower
 - UW Flex Option: On track to enroll students this fall—10 weeks away; projected enrollment date is November 18. In discussion with Cohort 2 programs and should be able to announce those in November, too. We’ve gone from an idea last summer to enrollment students this fall!
 - Entrepreneurial Activities in regards to 5% base cut: We need to be looking for ways to generate revenue. Deans and Directors have met to explore how they will handle the cut, formulate 3-year goals for their division, investigate HR and budget tools, and consider reinvestment projects (beneficial reallocations). Proposals are due by the end of October.
 - Engaged Shared Governance: Shared governance doesn’t exactly exist at the divisional level so it might fall to the Council.
5. Dialogue with UW-Extension Deans
 - Mark Lange, Dept. of Entrepreneurship and Economic Development, will visit us November 5.
6. UW System President Search
 - Erik Ernst has been named to the 18-member search committee. A virtual town hall meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 12 and the search committee needs your input. Erik is encouraging everyone to be involved where you can. The selection will affect everyone.
7. Christine Curley distributed and discussed handout, “Policy Development and Review”. Discussion included the need for UW Colleges and UW-Ext to utilize a standardized and centralized process to

initiate, develop, approve, review, implement and disseminate institutional policies. The improved system will help ensure that the most current policy is posted to the website, create a policy library for ease of access, and identify who's responsible for keeping the policy current.

8. Chapter 10 and Next Steps – Erik Ernst

- The Council expressed appreciation for keeping this dialogue going. There is still work to be done. Revised language will be presented to the Council when it's available.

9. Committee Reports

Nomination Committee

- Academic Staff Council Award for Excellence received 7 nominations. The review team is scheduled to meet on Sept 10 to choose winners. The awards reception is scheduled for October 16, 11:30am-1pm, Pyle Center.

Communications Committee

- Met via WisLine on August 13.

Distinguished Prefix Committee

- No report

10. Future Discussion Topics for Academic Staff Council

- Rolling Horizon appointments for academic staff in UW-Ext
- Salaries: UW Colleges colleagues are discussing
- Coop Ext Wage Study

11. Pamela motioned to adjourn, Bill seconded, meeting adjourned.

~minutes submitted by Emily Johnson~