

Academic Staff Council and Faculty Senate Joint Meeting
UW Fox Valley, Menasha WI
March 16, 2012

Present:

Academic Staff Council: Erik Ernst, Emily Johnson, Lisa Nielsen Agnew, Bev Philips, Jerry Clark, John Munson, Rosamaria Martinez.

Faculty Senate: Karen Joos, Chuck Prissel, Nancy Anne Miller, Don Taylor, Gail M. Huycke, Teri Zuege-Halverson, Matt Calvert, Eric Carson, Barb Barker, Craig Saxe, Karen Dickrell, Otto Wiegand, Kathy Eisenmann, Joan Wimme. Excused: Art Lersch, Mike Ballweg, Jerry Braatz, Greg Hutchins

Erik Ernst called the meeting to order at 9:05 with verification that the meeting met the meeting notice compliance.

John Munson moved to approve the minutes of February 14 joint meeting as presented, seconded by Nancy Ann Miller. Motion passed.

Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor Update – Greg Hutchins

- Human Resources

Greg provided an overview of the key points of University Personnel systems that need to be in place by July 1, 2013. They need to be completed by January 1st, 2013. There are six work groups. A draft will be circulated when it is further in the development stages by mid-April with feedback due back by November 2nd. UPS@UWSA.edu Human Resources web site will have information. There is a need for a new classified staff system. The changes will not affect faculty rules for governance. They are looking at ways to speed up the process for hiring processes. It was suggested by Kathy Eisenman that by September our groups may want to schedule a full day to review the proposals. Specific information will be at www.uwsa.edu/personnelsystems The Board of Regents has gotten an overview of the discussions and committees that have been meeting.

- Concept Stage of offering a degree

The Chancellor is in the concept stage of looking at the possibility of conferring a Bachelor degree in UW Extension. The market place has changed and there is a possibility of looking at on-line degrees. The target market would be non-traditional adult students. We are looking for a niche in our institution; there are for-profit institutions out there offering a variety of programs.

There are three tiers that they are looking at:

1. No frills (i.e.: \$200 for course, no support, all on your own.)
2. Supported option (six months access to tutors and instructors)
3. All you can learn (\$3,000 take all the courses you want for a specific time period).

The concept was presented to the University Chancellor's and had mixed reactions.

One question asked was will it require more staff? And the answer was yes, it will require more staff to offer the support services. It will not add to work load of present staff, rather enhance with a possibility of a Master Teacher Model.

Question was raised about governance – What is their role in this enterprise? Answer was that faculty will lead the testing, coursework being developed.

May ask for governance support in the concept. A request was made that our groups be provided with more information, possibly a white paper on the concept and how the process would evolve. We could review this at our June meeting.

No action was taken at this time.

John Munson moved to adjourn and Teri Zuege-Halvorson seconded. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 10:05.

Meeting Recorded by Karen Dickrell, University Committee Chair