Joint Meeting: Academic Staff Council and University Committee
July 12, 2011
1:30-4pm
Memorial Union, Madison

University Committee Members Present: Michael Childers, Mike Ballweg, Art Lersch, Nancy Anne Miller, Karen Dickrell

Academic Staff Council Members Present: Lisa Nielsen Agnew, John Munson, Rosamaria Martinez, Erik Ernst

Excused: Eric Carson, Chuck Prissel, Jerry Clark, Amy Pikalek, Krystal Wambold, Bev Phillips

Also in attendance: Greg Hutchins, Judy Ballweg, Dan Hill

1. Call to Order and Certify Open Meeting Requirements
   - Karen called the joint meeting to order at 1:40pm and certified open meeting requirements had been met.

2. Welcome and Introductions
   - New University Committee Members:
     Nancy Anne Miller, YD-Vilas County; Michael Childers, School for Workers-Madison; Art Lersch, CRD-Lincoln County
   - New Academic Staff Council Members:
     Amy Pikalek, Continuing Education, Outreach and E-Learning (unable to attend); John Munson, Broadcast and Media Innovations; Krystal Wambold, Department of Entrepreneurship and Economic Development (unable to attend)

3. Approval of Minutes of May 10 Joint Meeting
   - John moved to approve, Mike seconded, minutes approved.

4. Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor Report – Greg Hutchins

Greg reported on behalf of Chancellor Cross:
   - Building Community Capacity through Broadband
     - The grant is moving forward. The demonstration community of Wausau is subject to approval by the Joint Finance Committee and that is expected yet this month.
     - WiscNet (Wisconsin’s Research and Education Network) is scheduled to be audited by the Legislative Audit Bureau (LAB) to better understand its relationship and next steps.
     - Chancellor Cross has been meeting with the telcos (telecommunication companies) in an effort to help gain a better understanding of their differences.
   - Strategic Planning
     - Last month, Chancellor Cross presented his strategic planning ideas with the Faculty Senate and Academic Staff Council. Much of the plan will focus on the central office and how they can better support the work of the divisions/departments. A meeting will be scheduled to bring governance group members and others together for a one-half day, in late September.
The final UW System budget cut was not as big as originally thought.
Employee pension contributions will be taken on a “pre-tax” basis.
Chancellor Cross will be scheduling site visits in the coming months. He has attended State 4-H Youth Conference and is scheduling visits to the Crave Brothers Homestead Cheese, a county fair, the Wisconsin State Fair, and Farm Technology Days.

5. Update on Interim Secretary of the Faculty and Academic Staff – Dan Hill
   - Dan provided background on his current position as Local Government Specialist, for the past eight years. Prior to his eight years at the Local Government Center, he spent 13 years as a CNRED Educator in Lafayette County, and 7 years in Paraguay with Peace Corps and as a Peace Corps trainer. Dan’s appointment begins July 18.

6. University Committee Chair Report – Karen Dickrell
   - Art Lersch has agreed to serve as University Committee Vice Chair.
   - Faculty Senate Orientation is scheduled for September 13.
   - Faculty Tenure Orientation Workshop is scheduled for September 12.
   - SRP/FTAC Scholarship Review Forum is scheduled for August 17. It was suggested that an Academic Staff Council member consider attending this forum.

7. Academic Staff Council Chair Report – Erik Ernst
   - Bev Phillips has been selected to serve as Academic Staff Council Vice Chair.
   - Academic Staff Council Orientation will take place within the next two meetings.
   - Reviewed committee membership and responsibilities.
   - In the early stages of planning an academic staff conference.

8. Faculty Rep Report – Eric Carson
   - Unable to attend.

9. Academic Staff Rep Report – Tom Culviner
   - Unable to attend.

10. Budget Update
    - Art, Karen, Mike, Erik and Rosa provided county and/or department updates.

11. Discussion of Institutional Issues and Opportunities
    - John led a discussion about the importance of communicating with others the value of the work we do, relationship building, telling our story, and that this should be an ongoing effort (not just during challenging times). It was suggested that this topic be placed on a future agenda.

12. Adjourn
    - John moved to adjourn the meeting, Nancy Anne seconded, meeting adjourned at 2:50pm.

~minutes submitted by Judy Ballweg~