

Joint Meeting: Academic Staff Council and University Committee
January 11, 2011
1-4pm
Pyle Center, Madison

University Committee Members Present and/or via WisLine: Kathleen Haas, Matt Hanson, Chris Kniep, Chuck Prissel, Karen Dickrell, Corliss Olson
Excused: Eric Carson

Academic Staff Council Members Present and/or via WisLine: Lisa Nielsen Agnew, Tom Culviner, Erik Ernst, Lynne Blinkenberg, Jerry Clark, Rosamaria Martinez, Lynne Blinkenberg, Rosamaria Martinez
Excused: Jerry Clark

Also in attendance: Interim Chancellor Marv Van Kekerix, Provost Christine Quinn, Greg Hutchins, Judy Ballweg

Guests: Chancellor Ray Cross (via WisLine), David Prucha

1. Call to Order at 1:10pm and certify open meeting requirements.
Chuck Prissel called the meeting to order for University Committee. Erik Ernst did the same for the Academic Staff Council.
2. Interim Chancellor Report – Marv Van Kekerix
 - The institution is in alignment with the UW System Growth Agenda ... growing people, jobs, and communities.
 - The State of the State address is scheduled for February 1.
 - The Budget Address is tentatively scheduled for February 22.
 - Continuing legislative visits and also met with Wisconsin Associated County Extension Committee (WACEC). Contact Rosemary Potter (rosemary.potter@uwc.uwex.edu) with government relations questions.
 - Continuing to have conversations about the need for more flexibility in how we handle cuts.
 - Chancellor Ray Cross will be in Madison January 13-14 with office visits being planned.
 - Christine Quinn's last day will be January 20, with a farewell reception being held January 19, 3:30-5:30pm, Pyle Center.

Questions and discussion followed.

4. Provost and Vice-Chancellor Report – Christine Quinn
 - Last governance meeting. A sincere thank you and appreciation for all your great work! Congratulations on building a strong governance relationship with administration. Continue to do great work around engaged scholarship and excellence, remember the importance of "telling the story" around the UW System Growth Agenda, and continue to look across divisions for opportunities to collaborate. Thank you, sincerely, for your commitment and efforts.
5. Secretary of the Faculty & Academic Staff and Assistant Vice Chancellor – Greg Hutchins
 - Organizing a conversation about UW-Ext Scholarship. Members of the group include Randy Stoecker, Steve Deller, Annie Jones, Denise Retzleff, Deanna Schneider, Nik Hawkins, Chris Kniep.
 - An additional Faculty Senate meeting is scheduled for February 8, 11am-4pm, to provide members a better understanding of their role and responsibilities.
 - Planning is underway for the UW Colleges and UW-Extension joint governance meeting scheduled for March 11, 9am-4pm. Topic – Getting to Know our Two Institutions:

Structure, Resources, Governance, and Operations of UW Colleges and UW-Extension. See additional information under Item #10.

- Program Innovation Funds will be available, ~\$150,000. A review team is in place. February 1 there will be a call for proposals and a proposal writing WisLine is scheduled for February 15.
- Making connections with UW-Madison outreach staff in an effort to strengthen our relationship and identify ways to collaborate.
- Continuing to research electronic formats for submitting tenure documents. Some examples include a web-based program called Digital Measures which is currently being used by UW-Whitewater and UW-Milwaukee. D2L is also in the early stages of developing an E-portfolio program.

6. Governance Groups Update

University Committee Chair – Chuck Prissel

- An additional Faculty Senate meeting is scheduled for February 8, 11am-4pm. Dean Rick Klemme will be attending.

Academic Staff Council Chair – Erik Ernst

- Reviewing Chapter 10 – Academic Staff Policies and Procedures – for a better understanding of appointment letters.
- Finalized edits to UPG #15 – Academic Staff Policies and Procedures Governing Title Prefix Review for Promotion
- Continued dialogue about budget, unit clarification and collective bargaining

System Faculty Reps Council Report – Chris Kniep

- December 3 meeting highlights include: A discussion and sharing of ideas of issues/concerns, a Legislative Update, and Pay Plan and Unit Clarification. See January 10 email attachment for additional information.

Academic Staff Reps Council Report – Tom Culviner

- December 3 meeting highlights include: Unit Clarification, Pay Plan and Relations with the State Government, Multi-year Appointments, and “Lecture Capture”. See December 8 email for additional information.

7. Conversation with Chancellor Ray Cross, via WisLine

Chancellor Cross shared with the group that in the next 3-4 months his focus will be to:

- learn from and listen to you,
- become knowledgeable about the budget issues and process,
- build government relationships (legislators, staff in districts, capital), and
- effectively communicate internally and externally

Chancellor Cross asked what the priorities were from Academic Staff Council. Erik reported:

- UW-Extension Expanded Budget Planning Committee to meet as needed to provide input on budget decisions. Appreciated the inclusiveness (a representative from Academic Staff Council is on the committee) and openness of dialogue.
- Build an understanding of UW-Extension in an effort to “tell our story”.
- Build an understanding of the Collective Bargaining and Unit Clarification discussions currently underway by UW System, Office of State Employment Relations (OSER) and Wisconsin Employment Relations Commission (WERC).

Chancellor Cross asked what the priorities were from University Committee. The group reported:

- Build a better understanding of governance.

- Work collaboratively to build trust.
- Get to know us better and our story.
- Become knowledgeable about the state and county budget challenges.
- Become knowledgeable about Cooperative Extension as well as the unique missions of UW-Extension and UW Colleges.

Discussion followed.

8. Update from Human Resources – David Prucha
 - Due to rumors and uncertainty about employee benefits, David was invited to provide an overview of the following – sick leave conversion, supplemental health insurance conversion, retirement system contribution, health insurance contribution. The following website may be a helpful reference -- <http://etf.wi.gov/publications.htm>
9. Budget Update
 - A number of counties reported reductions or cuts in positions and budgets. It was suggested that we continue to keep this topic on future agendas.
10. Joint Meeting: UW Colleges and UW-Extension, March 11, UW-Marathon County
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Here's a tentative outline of the day:

9am – coffee and conversation

9:30am – Update from Chancellor Cross including a Legislative Update

10:30am – Getting to Know our Two Institutions (overview of UW Colleges: Greg Lampe and Bill Gillard; overview of UW-Ext: Marv Van Kekerix and a representative from governance groups)

11:30am – lunch (table assignments by geography, intentionally mixing UW-Ext and Colleges personnel)

Tables will be asked to discuss one or more of the following topics: a) ideas for sharing resources between Colleges and Extension, b) ideas for collaboratively building local political support, c) ideas for working together on community focused research. Short, oral report-outs from each table at the end of the session. Table groups will record ideas and submit for aggregating and distributing.

1pm – convene for separate mtgs: UW Colleges Senate, UW-Ext Faculty Senate, UW-Ext Academic Staff Council

3pm – adjourn

11. Discussion of Institutional Issues and Opportunities Appropriate for Governance
 - Farewell Reception for Christine Quinn is scheduled for January 19, 3:30pm, Pyle Center. Chris Kniep agreed to be on the program to represent the governance groups.
 - The Faculty Senate and Academic Staff Council “Resolution Honoring the Leadership of UW-Extension Provost and Vice Chancellor Christine Quinn” will be presented at farewell reception, January 19.

~minutes submitted by Judy Ballweg~