

**Academic Staff Council and University Committee  
Joint Meeting  
Memorial Union  
May 11, 2010**

University Committee Members Present: Tom Evans, Kathleen Haas, Chuck Prissel, Corliss Olson, Greg Blonde, Chris Kniep

Academic Staff Council Members Present: Allisanne Apple, Lisa Nielsen Agnew, Tom Culviner, Beverly Phillips, Erik Ernst, Michael Maguire, Lynne Blinkenberg, Jerry Clark

Also in attendance: Chancellor David Wilson, Provost Christine Quinn, Greg Hutchins, Judy Ballweg

1. Call to Order – 1:02pm  
Allisanne Apple called the meeting to order for the Academic Staff Council. Chris Kniep did the same for University Committee. Both certified the open meeting requirements.
2. Approval of minutes from January 12, 2010 Joint Meeting  
Lynne moved to approve, Chuck seconded, minutes approved.
3. Chancellor's Report – David Wilson
  - Board of Regents Meeting was held May 6. Two topics were the focus of discussion.
    1. The way UW System is financed. Strategic Financing in higher education is a national conversation about funding being based on enrollment vs outcomes with the understanding that standards not being met means less funding. Wisconsin is not at this point. The Degree Attainment Challenge (by 2025 the goal is to have 80,000 more Wisconsin adults with college degrees over the next 15 years) ties into this as we provide the pipeline for connecting perspective students where they live and work (ex: 4-H).
    2. Inclusive excellence in diversity. UW System has released the accountability report and its clear UW Colleges and UW-Extension take inclusiveness seriously. However, there is a continued need to increase our diversity through student enrollment, courses, and faculty.
  - The 2010-2013 budget is projected to have a \$2.8-\$4.2 billion deficit. This is essentially the same scenario as 2009-2011.
  - The Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities (APLU) Presidents and Chancellors held regional listening sessions. One session was held at UW-Madison focusing on "The Future of Public Research Universities". Presenters were John Morgridge, founder and Chairman Emeritus of Cisco System and Governor Jim Doyle. A report is due out prior to the APLU annual meeting in November.
  - Appreciation and thanks was expressed by the Chancellor for contributions to shared governance. Together we have built a strong foundation of trust, respect and shared leadership. Please continue this great work and collaboration with the next Chancellor.
  - Questions and discussion followed.
4. Provost and Vice-Chancellor's Report – Christine Quinn
  - A special thanks to Chancellor Wilson for his great leadership and advocacy on behalf of UW-Extension.
  - The Public Issues Leadership Development (PILD) Conference was held in April, in Washington, DC. While there, Chancellor Wilson and I met with Rep. David Obey, Rep. Ron Kind, Sen. Herb Kohl, and Sen. Russ Feingold.
  - Building Community Capacity Through Sustainable Broadband Adoption for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) has advanced to the due

diligence phase of the application review process. We remain hopeful in securing these grant dollars.

- Attended and was the keynote speaker at the Center for Community-Based Partnerships, University of Alabama, in late April, and the recipient of the “Distinguished Special Achievement in the Leadership and Scholarship of Community Engagement” award. Perhaps a broader conversation should take place around graduate students who are “engaged” scholars.
  - Our application for the 2010 C. Peter Magrath University Community Engagement Award, “Partners in Building a Sustainable Economy: The Diverse Roles of an Engaged University in Northeast Wisconsin”, was not selected as a regional winner. The winners will be honored at the Outreach Scholarship Conference at NC State in Raleigh, in October.
  - Attended the Faculty Tenure Orientation Workshop, May 10, Stevens Point. This was an excellent opportunity to provide support for scholarly work.
  - A white paper, “Building Sustainable Communities in Wisconsin: Opportunities and Challenges Moving Forward”, is almost complete which will capture and summarize the input, findings and recommendations as we move forward. Maria Alvarez Stroud is providing the leadership.
5. Secretary of the Faculty & Academic Staff and Assistant Vice Chancellor – Greg Hutchins
- Conversations around “scholarship” are taking place at Academic Staff Council meetings and University Committee meetings in an effort to gain clarity and understanding. The Tenure and Scholarship Annual Review Forum scheduled for August 3 will provide additional opportunity for dialogue.
  - Program Innovation Funds call out for proposals have generated 21 proposals, totaling more than \$500,000 in requests. Partners in these proposals include all four UW-Extension divisions, five UW Colleges, and nine UW institutions. A review team will meet soon and prepare for an early July announcement, totaling \$150,000.
  - Work continues on the UWEX website redesign. Be looking for a webpage designated to Title Progression, Understanding Tenure as well as Understanding Scholarship which will include profiling the scholarly work of colleagues.
6. 2010-2011 Meeting Schedule
- University Committee prefers to meet the second Tuesday of each month. Academic Staff Council will review and share back needed edits. A revised schedule will be distributed.
  - The Joint Governance Meeting with UW Colleges is scheduled for Friday, March 11, 2011 at UW-Marathon County.
7. System Faculty Reps Council Report – Chris Kniep
- Chris provided a recap of the May 7 meeting where the following topics were discussed:
- e-campus – the discussion focused on financial concerns and credit integrity.
  - System Realignment – proposed Low-degree-Producing Programs. This is in the exploratory stages.
  - Growth Agenda: More Graduates – this initiative from the President’s office blends goals for increasing the number of degrees in WI (with projected student populations by campus) with employment initiatives – having a more educated workforce.
  - Competitive Workforce Commission – a comparison schedule of UW System and Peer Institution total compensation comparisons has been compiled.
  - Furloughs – general consensus is that faculty are absorbing the pay loss with limited impact on out-put.
  - Collective Bargaining – voting is scheduled at UW-Eau Claire and UW-Superior.
  - Master Planning – faculty discussed role of governance in development and approval of campus master plans.

- Serving Students Better – President Kevin Reilly led a discussion with the faculty and academic staff representatives exploring how we can best serve both the 18-year-old freshman and the returning adult student.
8. Academic Staff Reps Council Report – Tom Culviner  
Tom provided a recap of the May 7 meeting where the following topics were discussed:
    - Collective Bargaining – during the next few weeks, faculty at UW-Eau Claire and UW-Superior are expected to vote in favor of representation by AFT-affiliated TAUWP (The Association of University of Wisconsin Professionals).
    - Title Progression – approach to title progression at UW-Milwaukee and UW-Madison was compared.
    - Multi-year Appointments – representatives from some campuses that have multi-year appointments explained how they work.
    - Furloughs – unknown if continued furloughs will be included in the upcoming budget.
  9. Competitive University Workforce Commission Update
    - Chris shared information from a Comparison Table. There is a web-based estimator: [www.uwsa.edu/hr/benefits/compest/](http://www.uwsa.edu/hr/benefits/compest/). Kathleen Haas will be attending the May 17 Commission meeting and report back in June. Kathleen Haas, University Committee plans to attend the meeting.
  10. UW Colleges Colloquium, May 25, UW-Fox Valley. For more information, please see May 3 email sent by Mary MacKendrick.
  11. Search and Screen Committee for the UW Colleges and UW-Extension Chancellor Update – Chris Kniep and Lynne Blinkenberg
    - A questionnaire was distributed and discussed. Chris and Lynne lead us through these questions to garner input on the needed qualifications of the next Chancellor.
    - A zoomerang survey was sent to Coop-All with ~ 100 responding. It was suggested that the zoomerang be sent to Academic Staff Members, that a timeline be shared and that there should be a coordinated effort to invite individuals to attend the candidate presentations.
    - Committee members encouraged Lynne and Chris to think about “why” academic staff and faculty should get involved in the process and share these thoughts throughout the search and screen process, e.g. the Chancellor make tenure and title changes.
    - A website is being developed and will be unveiled, soon.
    - Questions and discussion followed.
  12. Discussion of Institutional Issues and Opportunities Appropriate for Governance
    - Corliss reported that UW Transportation Services is facing an annual budget deficit of \$1,000,000. In jeopardy is the free employee bus pass in addition to a parking permit increase.
  13. Adjourn  
Allisanne motioned to adjourn the joint meeting, Lisa seconded, meeting adjourned at 3:50pm.

~minutes submitted by Judy Ballweg~