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**Academic Staff Council Meeting Minutes
Rm. 523 Extension Building
432 N. Lake Street, Madison, WI
August 12, 2010**

Council Members Present: Beverly Phillips, Erik Ernst, Rosamaria Martinez, Lynne Blinkenberg, Greg Hutchins, Christine Quinn, Tom Culviner, Jerry Clark, Marv Van Kekerix

Excused: Allisanne Apple, Lisa Nielsen Agnew

1. Call to Order

Erik called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. and certified that open meeting requirements were met.

2. Approval of July 13 Meeting Minutes

Jerry moved that the minutes be approved. Bev seconded. The motion passed.

3. Interim Chancellor's Report

Marv attended Farm Technology Days in Pierce County. He said that events like this are good for increasing the visibility of Cooperative Extension.

Marv's assessment after ten legislative visits was that in the legislature understanding of UW System and UW-Extension and Colleges is "not great."

4. Provost and Vice Chancellor Report

Christine reported that Greg is submitting an application to the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching to obtain a Community Engagement classification for UW-Extension.

She also reported that President Reilly and Regent President Charles Pruitt have been around the state talking to the media about what they want in the upcoming budget to produce more graduates, more jobs, and an employment environment more attractive in comparison with those of peer states.

The committee to direct the \$672,700 in lapse money returned to UW-Extension will meet on August 31. Erik is on that committee.

The furlough impact committee found that we have minimized the impact of furloughs on the public.

Marv asked whether collecting and disseminating impact information would make any difference. Would it be worth the effort?

Bev said that we feel like furloughs made a difference in our provision of service, but it is

hard to say specifically what the difference was. Other ASC members recounted how furloughs led to some cutbacks, but the conclusion was that we made them in ways that were not much noticed by our clients.

5. Chair Report

Erik reported that he and senate chair Chuck Prissel had straightened out the scheduling details of the upcoming joint meeting.

6. Academic Staff Reps Council Report

Tom reported that the reps don't meet during the summer.

7. Committee Discussions

- Nominations

Lynne reported that she has been getting complaints about the 50 percent FTE threshold for nomination. Greg said that there are not many people at less than 50 percent, but the number may grow if budgets worsen. Jerry said that he's heard the opinion that the ASC should represent all academic staff, not just those at 50 percent or more. Greg said that our governance guidelines stipulate this threshold for "voting" academic staff, but he noted that UW-Madison doesn't have the cutoff.

Tom volunteered to serve on the Systemwide Extension Council. Lynne suggested that Mike Maguire might also be interested in serving. Lynne moved to nominate Tom and Mike. Bev seconded. The motion passed.

- Communications

Erik proposed new language for the Articles of Academic Staff Governance, Article 3.01, "Standing committees," to change the communications committee from an ad hoc to a standing committee. Bev moved to accept the change. Tom seconded. The motion passed.

- Distinguished Prefix

Bev reported that this year's distinguished prefix will be finalized within the week. She wants to talk to David Prucha about making the process more efficient and timely. One fix would be to contract the time between when nominations and applications come in (December) and when they are reviewed (spring).

- Chapter 10.06

Erik said that he thinks that Academic Staff Policies and Procedures, Chapter 12, would cover the exigencies some units now anticipate using "hire-fire" letters. Bev pointed out that hire-fire letters offer better employment benefits than ad hoc or LTE appointments, which a unit might resort to if hire-fire language wasn't available. Marv said that the Chapter 12 process has been used, and he thinks that maybe the hire-fire letters resulted as a way to avoid the pain of that process.

- Scholarship

Christine reported that Scott Peters will present “Scholarship as Collaborative Public Work” at the Cooperative Extension State Conference, October 19–21, 2010, at the Monona Terrace, and any Extension employee is welcome to attend that talk.

8. UPG 15—Current Status

Erik has found one program manager who will participate in the discussion, and Bev and Eric *are* program managers.

9. Cooperative Extension “10% Budget Reduction Exercise”

Bev said that the “10% reduction” part is disappearing from the exercise, and now it’s more about determining which resources we need to keep and what we can restructure or do without.

Jerry said that he’s heard the question raised, whether the distinction between faculty and academic staff is necessary in Cooperative Extension.

10. Discussion of Other Issues

Lynne said that the chancellor search committee is at the stage of accepting applications.

11. Adjourn

At 10:44 a.m. Jerry moved to adjourn. Tom seconded. The motion passed.

Submitted by Tom Culviner