

Academic Staff Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 4, 2012
9-11am
Extension Building, Rm. 523
432 N. Lake Street, Madison

Present:

John Munson, Jerry Clark, Emily Johnson, Bev Phillips, Erik Ernst, Lisa Nielsen Agnew, Judy Ballweg, Dan Hill, Greg Hutchins

Guest: Rick Klemme, Dean and Director, Cooperative Extension

Call to Order

Erik called the meeting to order at 9am and certified open meeting requirements.

Approval of May 8 Meeting Minutes

Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor Report – Greg Hutchins

- Strategic Plan: An all-day meeting was held May 29. The Deans, Directors and Executive Team reviewed the goals and identified strategies to achieve these goals. The institutional vision statement is being finalizing. There are two separate strategic plans. One for UW-Ext and one for UW Colleges. Divisional forums are being scheduled to foster cross-institutional collaboration. It was suggested that Chancellor Cross revisit this topic at the July ASC meeting.
- Flexible Degree: Chancellor Cross will chair this UW System Initiative.
- UW-Ext Technology Taskforce: The taskforce met on June 5 to review the Program Innovation Fund proposals that advance the innovative use of technology. The taskforce ranking will be forwarded to the Program Innovative Fund review team for consideration. Through this taskforce, approximately 40 iPads have been purchased for various uses throughout the institution. For further information on the taskforce -- <http://tech.uwex.edu/>
- A list of institutional priorities identified by Chancellor Cross was shared.
- Act 32: For efficiency and compliance, we will use existing data.
- The next Board of Regents meeting is June 7-8, in Milwaukee.

Interim Secretary of the Faculty and Academic Staff Report – Dan Hill

- Program Innovation Fund Review Team Orientation was held on June 1. A follow up meeting will be held June 15 and proposals will be selected for funding. For more information, check out the website -- <http://www.uwex.uwc.edu/innovation/>
- Cooperative Extension Scholarship Action Team met on May 23.
Council discussion included:
 - ✓ Academic staff members throughout the institution need to talk about their needs to determine next step in regards to scholarship. Coop Ext has taken the lead in the creating CASI ... Committee on Academic Staff Issues.
 - ✓ It was suggested that the Council keep Scholarship on future meeting agendas.
 - ✓ There was concerned expressed that the institution needs to find ways to recognize/reward people's good work and to establish a system in which to share this good work.
 - ✓ There is a need for dialogue around scholarly examples in an effort to foster and promote.
 - ✓ A system is needed for reviewing good work beyond the more traditional way.
 - ✓ It was suggested that this topic be place on the Deans and Directors agenda in an effort to build awareness.

Chair Update – Erik Ernst

- The candidate presentation schedule is coming out soon. You are all encouraged to attend and provide feedback. Erik is asking Council members to forward feedback to him. He will incorporate all feedback received into a document that will be shared directly with the Chancellor.
- The newest Academic Staff Hearing Committee member is Gina Ferraro, Administrative Program Specialist, DEED. She will fill a vacancy due to a resignation and fulfill the remainder of the term (11/1/10-10/31/13).
- It's the last meeting for the following outgoing members ... Bev Phillips, Lisa Nielsen Agnew, and Jerry Clark. We thank you for your willingness to serve! Certificates of Appreciation were presented.
- Council election is currently underway to fill these vacancies.
- 2012-2013 Meeting Schedule: John motioned to approve the 2012-2013 meeting schedule as proposed, Emily seconded, motion approved. Judy will distribute the proposed schedule which is awaiting Faculty Senate approval on June 12.

Welcome to Rick Klemme, Dean and Director, Cooperative Extension

- Rick provided background on Cooperative Extension. Council discussion followed:
 - ✓ Superior Days is an excellent example of collaboration across the divisions in a scholarly way. Our institution need to be engaging elected officials in good and bad times.
 - ✓ Collaborating with academic staff is important in an effort to support inclusive decision making. Perhaps there needs to be a Council representative on CEAC (Coop Ext Administrative Committee). Perhaps other divisions need to develop an advisory group with academic staff representation.
 - ✓ Extramural funding success is important in providing a link to people's time and connection to partners.

University Personnel System

- Remember to submit feedback when asked!

Chapter 10 Revisions

- Erik will follow up and provide an update at July meeting.

Committee Discussions

- Nominations:
 - Council election is currently underway with nine nominees on the ballot.
 - Council Award for Excellence is scheduled for October 2, 11:30am, Pyle Center.
- Communications:
 - The next Council member who takes the lead on "communications" can contact Lisa Nielsen Agnew for guidance.
- Distinguished Prefix:
 - The full committee is in place, information has been sent to the four candidates, a meeting has been scheduled for June 18; explore options for handling in the future. It was suggested we invite Bev to the July meeting to provide an update.

UPG 15.01-04 moving forward to UW System

UW System Compensation Advisory Committee

- It was suggested that we revisit this topic in July (ask Ray to talk about during his update)
- Now that pay plan flexibilities have been approved, what's the next step and how do the new employment categories fit in?

Adjourned at 11:20am.

~minutes submitted by Judy Ballweg~