

Academic Staff Council Meeting Minutes
Pyle Center
702 Langdon Street, Madison
October 12, 2010

Council Members Present: Erik Ernst, Lisa Nielsen Agnew, Allisanne Apple, Greg Hutchins, Judy Ballweg, Tom Culviner, Lynne Blinkenberg, Beverly Phillips, Jerry Clark

Absent: Rosamaria Martinez

1. Call to Order

Erik called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. and certified that open meeting requirements were met.

2. Approval of September 7 Meeting Minutes

Lynne moved that the minutes be approved, with edits. Bev seconded. The motion passed.

3. Interim Chancellor Report – Marv Van Kekerix

- Attended the National Outreach Scholarship Conference, October 4-5, in Raleigh, NC. The conference attendance has really grown over the years with over 600 attending this year.
- Attended the Board of Regents meeting, October 7-8, UW-Oshkosh.
- Visited the UW-Manitowoc campus on October 8.
- Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey field trip scheduled for October 13 with travel plans to include Baraboo Hills, Spring Green, and Mount Horeb.
- Budget lapse monies that were returned to UW-Extension in FY 11 (\$672,000) will not be distributed back to the divisions. Instead, it will be kept in a central “holding account” so that it will be available to offset an anticipated lapse.
- As announced last week, Christine Quinn will be leaving UW-Extension for the position of Provost at National Louis University (NLU) in Chicago, IL. She will begin her new duties sometime in late January, 2011.
- The Board of Regents meeting in November will include a LZ Lambeau recognition.
- Oakwood Fruit Farm in Richland Center suffered a devastating loss earlier this week when a fire destroyed the building housing their produce. This business received the 2008 Wisconsin Idea Award presented at the Chancellor’s Award Banquet.

4. Provost and Vice Chancellor Report – Christine Quinn

- Leaving UW-Extension for the position of Provost at National Louis University (NLU) in Chicago, IL. Starting her new duties sometime in late January, 2011. NLU is a multi-state institution that has worked to meet the needs of the underserved for 124 years, beginning with its founding, to provide access to immigrant women seeking educational opportunities. Today NLU serves 12,000 students with program from baccalaureate to the doctoral level on campuses and in communities in Illinois, Wisconsin, Florida and Poland. The mission of NLU is one of access and innovation.
- Visited Cooperative Extension Quad Counties on September 24 which was hosted by Bev Baker, Racine County Family Living Agent. Toured Homeless Assistance Leadership Organization (HALO) Business Ventures Expansion. Toured the facilities, learned about the community partnerships and the business ventures vision. Jessica Schwalenberg, Student Regent, was also in attendance.

- Visited Cooperative Extension Central District and attended a department heads meeting at Schmeckle Reserve. Rosemary Potter and Pamela Seelman were also on the agenda leading a conversation on “Getting to a Positive Budget Outcome”.
- Attended the National Outreach Scholarship Conference, October 4-5, in Raleigh, NC. An excellent Pre-conference for University Outreach and Engagement Staff was presented by Katherine Loving, Civic Engagement Coordinator, University Health Services, UW-Madison.

5. Website Presentation – Sandy Kallio, Communication Specialist and Jill Nebeker, Central IT Project Manager

Through PowerPoint presentation and a handout, Sandy and Jill provided an overview of the newly designed UW-Ext website. The most popular links include the homepage, jobs, online courses, payroll and for employees. Please take a few minutes to check out your contact information -- <http://www.uwex.edu/staff-directory/>. If you have edits, please update your information at -- <https://www.uwex.edu/forms/payroll/pif/>

6. Reconvening UW-Ext Expanded Budget Planning Committee: Outcomes to Reinvesting the Money

Please see report under Interim Chancellor Report, bullet #5.

7. Chancellor Search and Screen Committee Update – Lynne Blinkenberg

Semi-finalists were interviewed last week. The first and second week in November are being held for finalist interviews and presentations. Be looking for a final schedule the week of October 18. Shared governance has discussion time with each candidate. Academic Staff Council members brainstormed key questions. Erik will provide a draft of key questions and send to Council members for their feedback.

8. Committee Discussions

- Nominations

- The Council will present Awards of Excellence to two individuals during the Awards Reception today – Sue Speth and Yer Ly. An award will also be presented to Kris Stepenuck, the Board of Regents Academic Staff Excellence Award nominee.
- Perhaps Sandy Kallio, Communication Specialist, can assist with the UW-Ext press release and announcement for the local newspapers.
- There are three vacancies on the Hearings Committee. Therefore, no election is needed. The Council will review names and confirm membership at November meeting.

- Communications

- We will be placing photos from the Awards Reception onto the website.
- Lisa Nielsen Agnew sent last year’s Academic Staff survey to the Council for their review. Some additional questions were proposed. Lisa will work with Lynne to incorporate additional questions and prepare to send out to all academic staff.
- The Council agreed that the quarter summaries written by Tom Culviner should continue. We will revisit this topic next month.

- Distinguished Prefix

Kathleen Dunn has been awarded Distinguished Prefix and will be recognized during the Awards Reception. Bev will work with David Prucha in the fall to review the process and system. It was suggested that the Distinguished Prefix committee and membership be posted to our website.

- Chapter 10.06

Erik, Bev and Allisanne will continue to work on this Chapter to determine “how and when” to use these letters as well as researching the different types of letters and language being used.

- Scholarship

During the Cooperative Extension all-staff conference in October, the academic staff breakout session will focus on scholarship. In addition, Scott Peters, associate professor of education at Cornell University’s College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, will present “Scholarship as Collaborative Public Work” at the Cooperative Extension State Conference. Jerry and Bev will report back at next meeting.

8. UPG 15.05

We will revisit this topic at the November meeting.

UPG 15.01-04 has been approved. A revised document, recording date of approved changes, is needed for final approval. Allisanne will follow up.

9. Collective Bargaining

- Faculty at UW-Eau Claire and UW-Superior are now represented by collective bargaining units.
- UW-Stevens Point representative said that faculty there are leaning in favor of collective bargaining and are trying to persuade the academic staff to form a unit with them.
- UW-Stout faculty are considering unionization but have been clear about wanting a bargaining unit that does not include academic staff.
- Wisconsin Employment Relations Committee has not yet made a decision regarding the unit clarification request filed by collective bargaining units.

10. Discussion of Other Issues and Opportunities for Academic Staff governance.

- Continue to place budget update on future agendas – county’s perspective as well as annual challenge (not just biennial challenge).
- Tom attended a recent Board of Regents meeting and topics discussed included tuition remission and brain drain.

11. Adjourn

At 11:15am Allisanne moved to adjourn. Tom Culviner seconded. Meeting adjourned.

~minutes submitted by Judy Ballweg~