

Academic Staff Council Meeting Minutes
Memorial Union
800 Langdon Street, Madison
November 9, 2010

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

By Phone: Jerry Clark

1. Call to Order
 - Erik called the meeting to order at 11:30am and certified that open meeting requirements were met.
2. Approval of October 12 Meeting Minutes
 - Lynne moved that the minutes be approved, Allisanne seconded. Minutes approved.
3. Interim Chancellor Report – Christine Quinn on behalf of Marv Van Kekerix
 - Nothing new to report on the budget.
 - On the political front, we will be reaching out to new legislators for improved understanding.
 - Highlights from the Board of Regents meeting, November 4.
 - Governor-elect Scott Walker attended the meeting and talked about creating jobs, upcoming campus visits and the need for innovation and creativity as we address budget concerns.
 - There was a presentation which addresses some of the concerns about attracting young professionals. Will Andresen, Associate Professor, Iron County, UW-Extension conducted a survey of local young people to address strategies to retain and attract young people. For more information -- <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/iron/cnred/index.html>
 - Presented resolution of appreciation in honor of *LZ Lambeau*, May 2010.
 - UW System eCampus launch date is November 10. This is a new website that will provide a greater access to online education. The new eCampus enables residents and students to search for specialized programs and locate advisors, an application or registration information through a single website -- <http://www.ecampus.wisconsin.edu/>
 - Nothing new to report on naming an Interim Provost. Names have been submitted and an announcement will be made soon.
4. Provost and Vice Chancellor Report – Christine Quinn
 - Broadband Summit was held October 28-29, 2010 in Eau Claire.
 - Sustainability Initiative Summit is being planned for sometime in January 2011.
 - Scott Peters, associate professor of education at Cornell University's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, presented "Scholarship as Collaborative Public Work" at the Cooperative Extension all-staff conference in October. His presentation challenged us to take a more engaged leadership role. A "scholarship" blog is being developed. Nick Hawkins, Outreach Specialist, School of Education, has participated in conversations about engaged scholarship and higher education. Discussion followed.
5. Budget/Government Affairs Update – Rosemary Potter
 - Rosemary was unable to join us today. The Council is looking forward to her presentation at the next meeting scheduled for December 14. The topic will focus on the political landscape, how it may affect UW-Ext, UW-Ext's response and how we'll plan to work with the new leadership. Bev reported that Cooperative Extension Administrative Committee meetings scheduled in December, January and February will devote much of its time to budget discussions. Christine reported that in late November the UW-Ext Deans, along with Marv, will be participating in a strategic budget conversation. Discussion followed.

6. Chancellor Search and Screen Committee Update – Lynne Blinkenberg
 - Erik thanked Lynne for her role on the Search and Screen Committee representing academic staff members. Lynne reported that the attendance at the Pyle Center has been great and encourages everyone who watched the presentations to share their feedback with the committee or Erik who will compile and submit to Chris Kniep for inclusion in the final report to President Reilly. Discussion followed.
7. Academic Staff Representatives
 - Tom distributed the October 29 meeting highlights (via email, November 11).
8. Committee Discussions
 - Nominations

Hearings Committee Membership:

Lynne moved to confirm Ashwini Rae (DEED) and John McCulley (CEO-EL) to a 3-year term and Sheryl Gasser (BAMI) to a 1-year term. Membership confirmed.

Systemwide Extension Council (SEC) rep:

Allisanne, Erik and Lynne will check with colleagues to see if there is anyone interested in being the SEC rep. Allisanne has offered to attend the December 8 meeting in Stevens Point.

Secure 2011 Awards of Excellence reception location:

The Pyle Center, Lee Lounge has been reserved for Tuesday, October 11, 11:30am-1pm.

- Communications

Academic Staff Survey results:

Lisa distributed and discussed results of the survey. It was suggested that Council meetings be held via media site/skype and it was also suggested that the survey results be posted to the 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. A copy of Chapter UWS 10, “Academic Staff Appointments” was distributed. Council Members were asked to read 10.03, “Appointments policies” prior to our next meeting. Bev offered to share a copy of definitions she received from David Prucha.

9. 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).
 - Continue to place “Budget Conversations: What are you Hearing” on future agendas.
10. Adjourn
 - At 1:02pm meeting adjourned.

~minutes submitted by Judy Ballweg~