

Academic Staff Council Meeting Minutes
Pyle Center
702 Langdon Street, Madison
December 14, 2010
9-11:30am

Council Members Present: Erik Ernst, Lisa Nielsen Agnew, Allisanne Apple, Greg Hutchins, Judy Ballweg, Tom Culviner, Lynne Blinkenberg, Rosamaria Martinez, Christine Quinn, Marv Van Kekerix

By Phone: Jerry Clark

1. Call to Order
 - Erik called the meeting to order at 9:10am and certified that open meeting requirements were met.
2. Approval of November 9 Meeting Minutes
 - Allisanne moved that the minutes be approved, Lynne seconded. Minutes approved.
3. Interim Chancellor Report – Marv Van Kekerix
 - The Board of Regents approved Dr. Ray Cross' appointment as Chancellor of UW Colleges and UW-Extension, effective February 7, 2011. Also during the meeting, a 2% pay plan was proposed which now moves on to UW System and Governor's office for discussion.
 - Marv has been appointed Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor during this time of transition. He will assist Ray in building relationships with legislators and UW System staff as well as assisting with the biennial budget process. Part of Marv's interim role will be to work closely with the Broadband team and Sustainability initiative.
 - There are increasingly troubling incidents on a number of campuses and we want to do everything we can to continue to strive towards creating safe environments that encourage healthy learning and working environments. Please see statement on civility that Kevin Reilly and all chancellors are endorsing <http://www.wisconsin.edu/news/2010/r101123.htm>.

Discussion followed.

4. Provost and Vice Chancellor Report – Christine Quinn
 - Broadband Summit was held October 28-29, 2010 in Eau Claire. Under the leadership of Andy Lewis and Maria Alvarez Stroud, six people have been hired to make up the Broadband Team. Environmental Assessments have been completed in Wausau and Eau Claire with Platteville and Superior scheduled for mid-December. Through this grant, we anticipate indirect dollars which will be used to support the Sustainability initiative (under Greg Hutchins' leadership) and collaborative innovation.
 - Sustainability Forum is scheduled for February 18, 2011 at the Pyle Center, Madison.
 - Education Attainment Goal (UW System Growth Agenda) is an effort to increase enrollments in 4-H. A December 22 meeting, to further discuss this goal, has been scheduled with Vicki Washington.
 - A Scholarship thought paper is being written by Christine and Greg Hutchins. A UW-Extension Scholarship conversation is scheduled for January 18, in Madison.
5. Budget/Government Affairs Update – Rosemary Potter
 - Through PowerPoint presentation, Rosemary shared and discussed the political landscape, how it may affect UW-Ext, UW-Ext's response and how we'll plan to work with new leadership. It was suggested that Rosemary follow up with a WisLine or WisLine Web for navigating the interactive website. Discussion followed.

6. Chair Report – Erik Ernst
 - Erik thanked everyone for their involvement in the Chancellor Search and Screen process. Chris Kniep also expressed her appreciation for Academic Staff Council involvement.
 - Council members have an opportunity to teleconference with Dr. Ray Cross, incoming Chancellor of UW Colleges and UW-Extension, at our next joint meeting with University Committee – January 11. Please be thinking of priority questions/thoughts to share.
7. Collective Bargaining
 - Nothing new to report on Unit Clarification. It was suggested we keep this topic on future agendas and to pay attention to how this plays out on other campuses.
8. Budget Update – continue to include on future agendas
9. Academic Staff Rep Report – Tom Culviner
 - See meeting highlights sent via email on December 8.
10. Committee Discussions
 - Nominations
Systemwide Extension Council (SEC) rep:
Allisanne has agreed to represent the Council until someone is appointed. She will attend the March 2 meeting.
 - Communications
Quarterly Summaries:
These summaries will continue to be written by Tom Culviner. He will forward summaries to Judy for posting to the website.
 - Distinguished Prefix – revisit topic in January
 - 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. Erik will contact David Prucha to determine next steps.
 - Scholarship
Jerry reported that results of conversations held during the Cooperative Extension annual conference (October 2010) are being compiled. He will share results at a future meeting. Greg Hutchins shared that Deanna Schneider (co-author of a Cooperative Extension scholarship paper) will be part of the UW-Extension scholarship conversation scheduled for January 18, in Madison.
11. UPG #15.01-04 – final approval status
 - Erik will follow up with Michael Maguire to determine next steps.
10. The next Council meeting is scheduled for January 11, 11:30am-1pm, followed by a joint meeting with University Committee, 1-4pm, both via WisLine. Madison-based colleagues will gather in the Red Gym.
11. Adjourn
At 11:30am meeting adjourned.

~minutes submitted by Judy Ballweg~