Academic Staff Council Meeting Minutes  
523 Extension Building  
432 N. Lake Street, Madison  
February 8, 2011  
9-11:30am

Present: Allisanne Apple, Tom Culviner, Ray Cross, Erik Ernst, Bev Phillips, Rosamaria Martinez, Lisa Nielsen Agnew, Judy Ballweg, Lynne Blinkenberg, Greg Hutchins, Jerry Clark, Marv Van Kekerix

Guests: Sandy Smith, Steve Wildeck

1. Call to Order  
   • Erik called the meeting to order at 11:02am and certified that open meeting requirements were met.

2. Approval of January 11 Meeting Minutes  
   • Lynne moved that the minutes be approved, Allisanne seconded. Minutes approved.

3. Chancellor Greeting – Ray Cross  
   Ray thanked the Council for the invitation to listen and learn. Looks forward to attending regularly scheduled meetings.

4. Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor Report – Marv Van Kekerix  
   • Marv talked about the lack of detail in the State of the State address on February 2 and nothing more to share until after the Budget address on February 22. Discussion followed.

5. Human Resources System (HRS) Project – Sandy Smith, Steve Wildeck  
   • Steve and Sandy distributed a handout and discussed progress to date. Implementation is expected spring 2011. Additional information can be found at – 
     http://hrs.uwsa.edu/index.html.

6. Collective Bargaining  
   • Tom shared the following as reported by the AS representative from these campuses:
     
     UW-SP – faculty approaching a vote, AS not showing much interest  
     UW-Stout – not much interest from either faculty or AS  
     UW Colleges – AFT recruiters have visited Sheboygan, Waukesha, Rock  
     UW-Superior – recruiters are targeting instructional AS, faculty will negotiate first contract this spring  
     UW-River Falls – more than 70% of faculty have signed in favor of having a vote (in March), IAS are more interested in unionizing than non-IAS  
     UW-Oshkosh – quiet about moving toward unionization  
     UW-LaCrosse – faculty moving toward a vote, AS are showing little interest  
     UW-Platteville – conducted “pre-survey” of faculty interest in the fall, little activity since

7. Budget Update – continue to include on future agendas  
   • Bev reported that Dean Klemme is keeping a close watch on the Federal budget. She also reported that the Nutrition Education budget for this year is stable and that the new budget (2011-12) is predicted to stay the same.  
   • Marv reported that he will meet with Kimberly Leighton, the Governor’s Higher Education Policy Director on February 9, along with Ray Cross and Rosemary Potter, to provide background on UWC and UW-Ext.
8. Committee Discussions
   • Nominations
     Board of Regents Academic Staff Award of Excellence:
     - Six nominations have been received and two nominations have been forwarded to
       Provost Office for recommendation. The committee will meet with Greg Hutchins to
       discuss strengthening the nomination package contents.
     Board of Regents Academic Staff Program Award of Excellence:
     - One nomination has been identified and nomination information is being sent to
       Provost Office by the end of February.
   • Communications
     Quarterly Summaries:
     - Erik revised and distributed the First Half 2010-2011 summary. Greg Hutchins will
       distribute to all academic staff members and Judy will post to website.
   • Distinguished Prefix
     - Three candidates have applied for Distinguished Prefix. This committee plans to
       meet in March. Judy has posted related information to the website. Bev will send
       Judy revisions to these documents when available.
   • Chapter 10.06
     - Erik distributed handout with revised language. Additional edits were suggested.

       Lynne moved that the revised language with additional edits to 10.01 be approved,
       Lisa seconded. Revised language with additional edits approved.

       Erik will provide a clean copy for membership approval. It was suggested that David
       Prucha be invited to the April 12 meeting to help with language development. Erik,
       Bev and Allisanne will continue to work on this Chapter.
   • Scholarship
     - A recap of UW-Extension scholarship conversation held January 18, in Madison, will
       be provided at March meeting.
     - Jerry will provide a report when results of the scholarship conversations held during
       the Cooperative Extension annual conference are available.

9. UPG# 15.05 – current status
   • Erik will continue to work on recruiting program managers willing to serve on an ad hoc
     committee to review this document. We will revisit this topic in March.

10. UPG #15.01-04 – final approval status
    • Erik will follow up with Michael Maguire to determine next steps. We will revisit this topic
       in March.

11. Chapter 10.06 and BOR approval
    • An unexpected delay at UW System. Approval forthcoming.

12. Joint Meeting, March 11, UW-Marathon County
    • A tentative outline of the day can be found within the minutes of the January 11 joint
      meeting with University Committee. More details will be shared closer to the meeting
date.
13. Discussion of institutional issues and opportunities appropriate to AS governance

- Council would like to explore the possibility of an annual academic staff conference as a way to increase visibility, create opportunities to network, and showcase the work of the Council. Council members are encouraged to think about what the day might look like and to come prepared to discuss further in March.

- Tom is interested in attending the Academic Staff Institute scheduled for February 25 in Madison and asking the Provost Office to cover the registration fee ($25). Greg will follow up with Tom.

14. Bev motioned to adjourn, Rosamaria seconded, meeting adjourned at 11:28pm

~minutes submitted by Judy Ballweg~