Present: Allisanne Apple, Erik Ernst, Rosamaria Martinez, Lisa Nielsen Agnew, Greg Hutchins, Jerry Clark

1. Call to Order
   • Erik called the meeting to order at 10:30 am and certified that open meeting requirements were met.

2. Approval of Feb. 8 and Feb 16 Meeting Minutes
   • Jerry moved that the Feb 8 minutes be approved, Lisa seconded. Minutes approved.
   • Rosamaria moved that the Feb 16 minutes be approved, Jerry seconded. Minutes approved.

3. Discussed moving the annual joint meeting with Faculty Senate from September to February (in conjunction with the legislative session and to allow time for Senators to gain a better understanding of their role).

   Rosamaria asked what the significance of the February timeframe was. Greg clarified that the timing is good relative to the start of the legislative session. Everyone present was in agreement that it will be fine for the annual joint ACS and FS meeting to be moved to February in the calendar.

4. Discussion of Collective Bargaining issues
   • Jerry mentioned Union reaction to the collective bargaining proposals in Eau Claire and Chippewa counties. After longer discussion in previous joint session, the group discussed potential impact of the proposed budget repair bill at the county level.

5. Budget Update
   • After Provost Van Kekerix’s Extension budget briefing in the joint session, Rosamaria and Jerry discussed their perspectives from working out in the counties. Concern was also raised about projections from Dean Klemme about the potential for 30-50 FTE reductions in coming years. It was noted that if there are reductions in a program area like Cooperative Extension, Academic Staff positions can be eliminated more quickly than others like tenured faculty and classified staff. A suggestion was made to invite Dean Klemme to a future ASC meeting to discuss this issue and his projections. Erik updated the group on ongoing challenges being faced in BAMI by federal proposals to reduce funding for public broadcasting.

6. Committee Discussions
   • Nominations
     Board of Regents Academic Staff Award of Excellence:
     - Greg updated the Council on the award nomination forwarded by the provost for recommendation.

     Board of Regents Academic Staff Program Award of Excellence:
     - Greg updated the Council on the award nomination forwarded by the provost for recommendation.

   ACS Election
     - Greg outlined the timeline for this year’s election. A call for nominations will come in the next week.
• Communications
  – Discussed the joint resolution in favor of the Board of Regents proposed Wisconsin Idea Initiative with Faculty Senate. After discussion, the ASC decided that the joint resolution is a strong statement on the proposal and a separate resolution from the ASC individually is not needed. Tom and Allisanne were nominated to represent the ASC on the drafting committee for the joint resolution. They will begin work on it this week.

• Distinguished Prefix
  – No update

• Chapter 10.06
  – Erik updated that he had forwarded the finalized and approved language for the new descriptive language in the first part of 10.06 to Judy to begin the process of Board of Regents approval.

• Scholarship
  – Jerry discussed his ongoing work with drafting a scholarship document through Cooperative Extension that can be used as a model for all parts of Extension. He will share a draft with the ASC for discussion at the next meeting in April.

7. UPG# 15.05 – current status
• Update tabled due to time. Will revisit in April.

8. UPG #15.01-04 – final approval status
• Erik has heard from Michael Maguire who is compiling the final approved version and will forward it when he is finished.

9. Discussion of institutional issues and opportunities appropriate to AS governance
• A discussion was held about attendance at future meetings. In April we will review the scheduled meetings for May and June to ensure that the predetermined dates still work for the majority of council members.

10. Jerry motioned to adjourn, Lisa seconded, meeting adjourned at 11:29pm to move to Joint session with UW Colleges.

~minutes submitted by Erik Ernst~