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

1. Call to Order
   - Erik called the meeting to order at 8:32 am and certified that open meeting requirements were met.

2. Approval of March 11 Meeting Minutes
   - Lisa moved to approve, Jerry seconded. Minutes approved.

3. Chancellor Update
   - Provided an update on the New Badger Partnership and the Wisconsin Idea Partnership. Supportive letters and resolutions have been greatly appreciated and have been making an impact. There are four potential options: (1) New Badger Partnership passes, (2) Wisconsin Idea Partnership passes, (3) there’s a compromise proposal granting flexibilities, or (4) nothing happens. Updates will be shared as information becomes available.
   - The UW Colleges and UW-Extension Strategic Planning Process has been delayed. A schedule of county/campus visits and meetings is being developed to help set priorities.
   - Feedback is needed from Academic Staff Council members: How can the Chancellor be more helpful? Please forward a list of priorities, pressing issues, concerns that you’d like to discuss in great length.
   - No action currently taken on the Provost search. The budget process has been the priority. Next steps could include appointing an interim, conducting a national search, delaying the process. How do you think it might be best to proceed? Please forward your thoughts to the Chancellor.

Questions and Discussion followed.

4. Provost Update
   - Involved in several conversations regarding the New Badger Partnership and the Wisconsin Idea Partnership.
   - Working closely with UW System in reclaiming money within their budget that should be part of UW-Extension budget.
   - Continuing conversations with UW System regarding budget reductions and next steps.
   - Attended WACEC (Wisconsin Associated County Extension Committee) on March 28, 29, 30 in Milwaukee
   - Attended PILD (Public Issues Leadership Development) on April 4, 5, 6 in Washington, DC
   - Attended Board of Regents Meeting, April 14, in Platteville
   - Building Community Capacity through Broadband is going well. The team has recently moved into their permanent offices – 660 W. Washington Ave, Suite 309, Madison, Ph: 608-890-4253. Visit their website -- http://broadband.uwex.edu/
   - Gov. Scott Walker says he may have to again consider laying off state employees if his collective bargaining law remains tied up in the courts for much more than the next week or two. He also said that the state has no plans to retroactively collect the higher health care and pension payments from state employees if the courts clear the way.
5. Chair Update
   - Recap of Joint Governance Meeting with UW Colleges, March 11
     - rich conversations, productive dialogue
     - better understanding and intersections of UW Colleges and UW-Ext
     - 2012 meeting date: Friday, March 23, UW-Marshfield
   - Revisit 2011-2012 Meeting Schedule
     - Agreed on meeting dates proposed by University Committee/Faculty Senate and to follow the same schedule as 2010-2011.
     - Agreed to schedule an Academic Staff Council Orientation in late June/early July.
   - ASC and UC Joint Resolution honoring the leadership of Marv Van Kekerix
     - Individuals who agreed to help write: Erik Ernst, Lisa Nielsen Agnew, Chris Kniep, Karen Dickrell
     - WisLine will be scheduled to bring this group together.
     - Review and Approve Joint Resolution at ASC and UC joint meeting, May 10.

6. Budget Update
   - County Perspective
     - Jerry reported that county administrators are conducting listening sessions and open to dialogue regarding the budget.
     - Rosamaria reported that the new county administrator is open to dialogue regarding the budget.
     - Bev reported budget challenges related to Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program (WNEP) including increased fringe benefit rates as well as numerous title review applications being submitted as a way to increase employee salary.
   - Budget Conversations – what are you hearing?
     - Dean Rick Klemme, Coop Ext, will be joining the ASC and UC joint meeting, May 10, 1-4pm, to discuss concerns about the potential for 30-50 FTE reductions in coming year as well as programmatic structure plans.

7. Committee Discussions
   - Nominations
     - Council Elections
       Election is underway and 101 votes have been cast. Judy will be sending periodic reminders encouraging academic staff members to vote.

     - Communications
       Nothing new to report.

     - Distinguished Prefix
       Bev will continue to work with David Prucha in an effort to get an institutional review committee appointed to review the three applications. It was suggested that the review timeline be examined in an effort to keep the process moving. Bev will review the timeline and offer back suggestions.

     - Chapter 10.06
       Section 10.01, *Types of Appointments*, has been finalized and forwarded to UW System. It was suggested that David Prucha be invited to the May 10 meeting to help with language development

8. Scholarship
   - Jerry will email the Coop Ext Scholarship Report to the Council and prepare to discuss at the May 10 meeting. Deanna Schneider is part of the Coop Ext Strategic Directions Team, scholarship focus group. Greg Hutchins will be providing leadership to this team through next fall.
9. UPG# 15.05 – current status
   • It was suggested that the next ASC Newsletter/Announcements Email include an invitation to program managers to serve on an ad hoc committee to review 15.05.
   • The Council will revisit this topic in May.

10. 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.

11. Discussion of institutional issues and opportunities appropriate to AS governance
   • Academic Staff Conference
      – Lynne, Allisanne and Lisa agreed to take the lead in brainstorming session possibilities based on the Academic Staff Institute attended by Tom. Sessions included: Best Practices in Performance Review, Knowing your Academic Staff Rights, A Historical Perspective of Academic Staff Governance.
      – Other topics suggested: Title Progression and Scholarship
      – Lisa agreed to provide an electronic version of the Academic Staff Institute program and the Historical Perspective of Academic Staff Governance spreadsheet that Tom shared.
      – It was suggested that the event be archived and also offer the option to participate via technology.
      – Bev suggested that this conference be planned in conjunction to a tentative WNEP all-staff conference planned for June 2012.

12. Allisanne motioned to adjourn, Lynne seconded, meeting adjourned at 10:40am.

~minutes submitted by Judy Ballweg~