

Academic Staff Council Meeting Minutes
Red Gym, On Wisconsin
716 Langdon Street, Madison, WI
July 13, 2010

Council Members Present: Lisa Nielsen Agnew, Erik Ernst, Rosamaria Martinez, Lynne Blinkenberg, Greg Hutchins, Christine Quinn, Tom Culviner, Jerry Clark

Excused: Allisanne Apple, Beverly Phillips

1. Call to Order

Lynne called the meeting to order at 11:38 a.m. and certified that open meeting requirements were met.

2. Approval of June 8 Meeting Minutes

Jerry moved that the minutes be approved. Lisa seconded. The motion passed.

3. Select Academic Staff Council Chair and Vice Chair

Tom moved to nominate Erik for chair. Lisa seconded. The motion passed.

Rosamaria moved to nominate Bev to continue as vice chair. Erik seconded. The motion passed.

4. Chair Report

Because the chair was newly elected, there was no chair report.

5. Systemwide Extension Council Report

Lisa reported that the topic at this meeting was collaboration. The new interim provost at UW-Milwaukee was introduced. Minutes will be available at <http://www.uwex.edu/secretary/extension-council.html>.

Greg reported that we have two positions on the council to fill by September 1.

6. 2010–2011 Meeting Schedule revisions were noted.

7. Academic Staff Reps Council Report

Tom reported that the reps don't meet during the summer.

8. Academic Staff Council Orientation

Because only one member of the council is new, we decided not to schedule a formal orientation.

9. Committee Discussions

- Nominations

Lynne reported that there would be no separate awards for excellence for academic staff and *instructional* academic staff. There will be two awards annually across the board. We will continue to award as well the candidate nominated for the Regents award. Each of us should send a call-for-nominations e-mail to our division.

- Communications

Discussion considered whether the Communications Committee should be moved from ad hoc to standing committee status. Greg said that standing committees are specified in the articles, and at present the only standing committee is Nominations. Erik said that he would draft some language to start the process of making Communications a standing committee.

- Distinguished Prefix

Greg reported that the committee has reviewed one candidate.

- Chapter 10.06

Erik reported that he tried unsuccessfully four or five times to contact David Prucha about meeting with us to clarify the language in the chapter. He and Bev will continue their work without David's input and try to get him involved later.

- Scholarship

Jerry reported that the committee is working on a definition of "commitment to excellence" that should have broader application than "scholarship."

10. UPG 15—Current Status

Erik said that he would like to recruit some program managers to be involved in the discussion of UPG 15.05 and the addendum. He said a phone meeting with those interested would be the starting point.

This led to a discussion of title progression in general. Rosamaria said that it is difficult to get information from people who have successfully applied for title change about what works well in the process. Jerry said that Cooperative Extension is about to implement a form that tracks applications so that they don't "disappear." Lynne and Jerry said that at one time there was a WisLine on title progression, and perhaps we should do another one.

11. Cooperative Extension "10% Budget Reduction Exercise"

A concern was raised about how much governance groups would be involved in the budget reduction exercise. Christine said that only Cooperative Extension would be conducting the exercise.

12. Provost and Vice Chancellor's Report

Christine reported that \$672,700 in lapse money will be returned to Extension, and she will form a committee to work with management to determine how to allocate the money.

Also, the broadband initiative will be funded with \$42 million in stimulus money and will begin in five pilot communities.

13. Adjourn

At 12:50 p.m. Tom moved to adjourn. Lynne seconded. The motion passed.

Submitted by Tom Culviner