

Academic Staff Council Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2011
11:30 am- 1:00 pm
Memorial Union, Madison

Present:

Erik Ernst, Bev Phillips, Krystal Wambold, Lisa Nielsen Agnew, Amy Pikalek, Rosamaria Martinez, John Munson, Greg Hutchins, Dan Hill, Tom Culviner

Excused: Jerry Clark

Call to Order

- Erik called the meeting to order at 11:31 am and certified that open meeting requirements were met.

Approval of August Meeting Minutes

- John moved that the minutes be approved. Rosamaria seconded.

Provost/Vice Chancellor's Report

- Greg reported that the Chancellor was not able to be in attendance due to responsibilities related to interviews at UW-Fox Valley. Greg noted that he would be happy to pass along to Ray any questions or comments from ASC.
- Ray has been busy learning more about UW-Extension by attending the following (among others): South Madison Financial Education Center, Iowa Co fair, Family Living state staff meeting, CEO-EL offices, Upham Woods, Leadership Wisconsin, WI Technical College Board, Milwaukee Co Extension office.
- Provosts have been working on policies related to implications of the new Concealed Carry law which goes into effect 11/1/11. Details are available on the UW-System General Council's website.
- UW-Extension/UW Colleges Strategic Planning efforts: Marv Van Kekerix is working part-time on this effort. He will be meeting soon with leadership of the Divisions.
- Explorations are on-going about potential changes due to the new flexibilities being granted to UW institutions.
- Sustainability Forum is being planned for September 27 for all Divisions.
- Greg is exploring the possibility of conducting a Conference focusing on Innovation, Collaboration & Engagement (ICE) for winter 2012. Thoughts and contributions are welcome to this early planning.

Secretary of the Faculty and Academic Staff Report

- Dan referenced Chapter 36 (section 36.09) as the relevant state policy for Shared Governance and encouraged all members to be familiar with this document as well as UW-Extension policies & procedures, Unclassified Personnel Guidelines (UPGs), and the Articles of Academic Staff Governance. He encouraged the members of ASC to take their rights and responsibilities seriously as advisory to the Chancellor on policies of importance to Academic Staff.
- Evidence suggests that awareness among members of UW-Extension academic staff of the role and potential of ASC is low. Academic staff colleagues are not all aware of their rights and responsibilities in shared governance.
- Joint Governance meeting with UW Colleges is scheduled for March 16 at UW-Fox Valley.

Budget Update

- Counties are working on their budgets.
- Dean's/Directors are concerned and watching carefully the federal budget situation.

Academic Staff Council Reps Report

Tom Culviner will continue to serve as the UW-Extension ASC representative to this group. Tom overviewed that this is not a governance group, but a communication mechanism between academic staff on all campuses and UW-System. Tom will continue to provide written reports and will attend ASC meetings as possible to report on important items.

Committees

- Nominations: ASC award recipients have been selected and will be invited to the awards ceremony following the October 11 meeting.
- Communications: Lisa will look into revisions for the annual survey. Member should send comments and suggestions to Lisa.

Academic Staff Conference

- Lisa and John will work to move this forward. Ideal timing might be for it to coincide with the Family Living conference which is scheduled for November 13-15, 2012 at Wisconsin Dells.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:01 pm

~minutes recorded by Beverly Phillips~