

Academic Staff Council Meeting Minutes
Pyle Center
702 Langdon Street, Madison
September 7, 2010

Council Members Present: Erik Ernst, Lisa Nielsen Agnew, Allisanne Apple, Greg Hutchins, Judy Ballweg, Tom Culviner, Lynne Blinkenberg, Rosamaria Martinez, Beverly Phillips

By Phone: Jerry Clark

1. Call to Order

Erik called the meeting to order at 11:32a.m. and certified that open meeting requirements were met.

2. Approval of August 12 Meeting Minutes

Lynne moved that the minutes be approved. Rosa seconded. The motion passed.

3. Reconvening UW-Ext Expanded Budget Planning Committee: Outcomes to Reinvesting the Money –Erik

This Committee reconvened on August 31 with Erik representing the Academic Staff Council. Other members include Chuck Prissel, David Schejbal, Kim Kindschi, Malcolm Brett, Rick Klemme, Sue Schymanski, Steve Wildeck, Greg Lampe, Marv Van Kekerix and Christine Quinn. The group met to explore options for deciding what to do with the \$672,700 give back. Options include reinvesting across all divisions, holding in a central fund as a reserve, and returning appropriate amounts back to each division. Pros and cons for each option were discussion. A positive outcome of this meeting was the way members were forward thinking in an effort to help set the stage for future years of budget deficits. Another meeting is being planned for mid-September.

4. Committee Discussions

- Nominations

- The Council discussed the two applicants (Sue Speth and Yer Ly) for the Academic Staff Council Awards of Excellence.
- Bev moved to accept the recommendations of the Nominations Committee for the two applicants to receive an Academic Staff Council Award of Excellent. Allisanne seconded. The motion passed.
- The Council discussed accepting nominations earlier in 2011, perhaps April or May. The group also discussed the possibility of a Council member attending divisional staff or leadership meetings as a way to recruit/promote more nominations.

- Communications

The Council discussed the following in regards to the Awards Banquet, October 12:

- Invitation list
 - ✓ award recipient, individual who nominated, immediate supervisor
 - ✓ the Distinguished Prefix recipient, individual who nominated, immediate supervisor
 - ✓ Interim Chancellor
 - ✓ Provost and Vice Chancellor
- Placing an order for clocks
- Contacting Peg Davis for article in UW-Ext newsletter

- Placing photos from the Banquet onto the website

The Council also discussed sending out another Academic Staff Survey. The last survey was sent approximately one year ago. Lisa Nielsen Agnew will send last year's survey to the Council for their review.

- Distinguished Prefix

Bev Phillips reported that there was one candidate (Kathleen Dunn) and she was awarded Distinguished Prefix. Kathleen and other supporters will be invited to the Awards Banquet. Bev is suggesting that this entire process be reviewed.

- Chapter 10.0

The fixed-term, terminal language needs to be added to this Chapter. Erik will follow up with David Prucha for language, process, and to determine where these letters can be used.

- Scholarship

Bev and Jerry will meet sometime in September. During the Cooperative Extension all-staff conference in October, the academic staff breakout session will focus on title review and scholarship. Bev and Jerry will report back during the November Academic Staff Council meeting. Reminder: Scott Peters, associate professor of education at Cornell University's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, will present "Scholarship as Collaborative Public Work" at the Cooperative Extension State Conference, October 19–21, 2010, at the Monona Terrace. Any Extension employee is welcome to attend that presentation.

8. UPG 15.05

Erik has found seven program managers who are willing to participate in this discussion.

9. Collective Bargaining

Nothing new to report. Continue to place this on future agendas.

10. Discussion of Other Issues and Opportunities for Academic Staff governance.

- Continue to place budget update on future agendas – county's perspective as well as annual challenge (not just biennial challenge).
- Lynne is asking for help from other Council members in reviewing UW System regulations in an effort to gain more representation for Academic Staff. Lynn would also like help in rethinking the 50 percent FTE threshold for nomination and voting.
- Tom attended a recent Board of Regents picnic dinner at Brittingham House. President Reilly reported that, as a way to reduce costs, we must think about using more online learning and previous experience when educating future students. He also emphasized the uniqueness and importance of both the 2-year Colleges and the 4-year UW campuses. Compensation continues to be a topic for discussion.

11. Adjourn

At 12:55pm Allisanne moved to adjourn. Tom Culviner seconded. Meeting adjourned.

~minutes submitted by Judy Ballweg~