

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 14, 2011
1-4pm
Red Gym, Madison

Present: Chris Kniep, Jerry Braatz, Patrick McLaughlin, Eric Carson, David Schejbal, Karen Dickrell, Mike Ballweg, Don Taylor, Chuck Prissel, Matt Hanson, Craig Saxe, Jennifer Erickson, Otto Wiegand, Joan Wimme, Barb Barker, Matt Calvert, Greg Hutchins, Ray Cross, Kathleen Haas, Connie Eisch, Karen Joos, Judy Ballweg

Guest: David Schejbal, Dean, Continuing Education, Outreach and E-Learning

Meeting called to order at 1:10pm by Chuck Prissel and certified open meeting requirements had been met.

Welcome and Introductions – Chuck Prissel

Approval of March 11 meeting minutes:

- Barb moved to approve minutes with edit to attendance (delete Connie), Joan seconded, minutes approved.

Dialogue with Ray Cross:

- Distributed and discussed the Omnibus Motion #489 which outlines the proposed budget and flexibilities. It also outlines the provisions that are devastating to WiscNet and the broadband grant. An agreeable compromise to the language is being drafted.
- Eliminating Collective Bargaining is back in the budget.
- Chancellor Bidy Martin is leaving the university to become president of Amherst College.
- The development of President Reilly's advisory committee charged with determining how best to handle the proposed 25% reduction in UW System base funding.
- UW Colleges and UW-Extension Strategic Planning Powerpoint Presentation. Discussion followed. It was suggested that the Climate Survey results be incorporated into the strategic plan; that common/consistent language and definitions be provided; and that the vision statement have a word limit. Feedback from Faculty Senate and Academic Staff Council will be needed in moving the plan forward. A meeting will be scheduled to bring members and others together for a one-half day, in late September.
- Continue to forward feedback on how the Chancellor can be more helpful.

Interim Provost Report – Greg Hutchins on behalf of Marv Van Kekerix:

- Dan Hill has accepted the position of Interim Secretary of the Faculty and Academic Staff and Assistant Vice Chancellor for the next year, effective July 18. Judy Ballweg will continue in her current role, supporting the work of the governance groups and the office of the Secretary and Assistant Vice Chancellor.
- Sustainability Forum is again on the calendar and scheduled for Tuesday, September 27, 9am-3pm. This forum is being designed to advance a UW-Extension sustainability agenda.

Chair Report – Chuck Prissel

- Chuck thanked members for their support, contributions, and accomplishments this past year, as he steps down as chair. He also thanked Greg Hutchins for his strong leadership, support, accessibility and commitment as he prepares for his role as interim provost and vice chancellor.
- Resolution on the Strategic Use of Temporary Hires to Fill UW-Extension Faculty Positions was discussed. The resolution has been posted to the University Committee website.
- Resolution Honoring the Leadership of Marv Van Kekerix was discussed (distributed by email on 5/18). Chris Kniep will present the resolution to Marv at his retirement celebration on June 22, in Madison.

- 2011-2012 meeting schedule was distributed and discussed. Please note dates and meeting locations. Judy will post this schedule to the websites and share with new members.
- Faculty Senate Orientation is scheduled for Tuesday, September 13, 11am-5pm, Madison. Two resources currently exist – 2010 Faculty Senate WisLine Web Orientation (audio archive) and the February 8, 2010 Faculty Senate Meeting/Orientation Agenda. Both are posted to the website. New topics to include – Coop Ext redistricting and UW-Ext strategic plan. The following individuals volunteered to help develop the September 13 agenda: Karen Dickrell, Mike Ballweg, Joan Wimpe, Chuck Prissel, Craig Saxe. A WisLine will be scheduled to bring this planning team together.
- Governance Representation and Coop Ext Potential Restructuring was discussed. Restructuring would bring the current number of districts (6) down to 4.
- On behalf of Faculty Senate, Chuck presented Chris Kniep with a plaque in recognition of distinguished service, appreciation and commitment working on behalf of UW-Ext faculty in her various roles during her term.

Faculty Hearings Committee Election Results

- Two new members were elected to the 2011-2012 Faculty Hearings Committee:
 - Linda Bruce, Family Development-Douglas County (2011-2014)
 - Cynthia Muhar, Family Development-Milwaukee County (2011-2014)

Committee Reports

- Article 4 Implementation Committee – Matt Hanson, Chuck Prissel, Chris Kniep, Greg Hutchins
The 2011 FGU Election results (to date) were distributed. The FGU Chairs WisLine Orientation is scheduled for June 15, 10:30am. A second WisLine Orientation, for counties where the FGU Chair is not in a Department Head role, is scheduled for June 23, 10:30am. An audio archive of both WisLines will be posted to the website. It was suggested that a sample FGU meeting agenda be posted to the website for referencing. An email reminder about electing a FGU Chair will be sent.
- 2011 Tenure Orientation Workshops – Mike Ballweg
Distributed and discussed the May 9 onsite evaluation results as well as the Zoomerang survey results. Next offering is scheduled for Monday, September 12, Stevens Point. The agenda will also include Electronic Portfolio Submission Recommendations presented by Greg Johll, Director, Coop Ext Technology Services.
- SRP/FTAC Scholarship Forum – Connie Eisch
The name of this Forum has been changed to better reflect the audience. The Forum is scheduled for Wednesday, August 17, Stevens Point. An email will be sent to SRP and FTAC members asking them to save the date. Registration information will be sent in early July. Next Planning Team WisLine is scheduled for July 25, 3pm.

Office of Professional and Instructional Development (OPID) Council – Greg Hutchins

- This UW System council has been established to advance the scholarship of teaching and learning. Feedback from UW-Ext participants indicates that this council and opportunities don't meet faculty needs, and, therefore UW-Ext will be discontinuing their participation.

Academic Department Updates

Agriculture/Agribusiness

Recent topics include the number of known and pending vacancies, future staffing, Coop Ext strategic planning, electronic portfolio submission.

Community Resource Development

Recent topics include districts with fewer faculty and covering responsibilities, Coop Ext restructuring into less districts, current vacancies.

Continuing Education, Outreach and E-Learning / Labor Education

Recent topics include academic freedom, requests for information on clients (a concern and also common).

Environmental Sciences

Recent topics include building internal infrastructure, particularly research labs; ongoing discussions regarding salary and retention.

Family Development

Recent topics include helping faculty better understand their role, Chapter 36, ad hoc committee formed to develop/review qualifications for hiring, restructuring of program area teams.

Youth Development

Recent topics include untenured faculty needs assessment, SRP survey and reflecting on documents (professional development for mentors), understanding faculty governance.

Discussion of Institutional Issues and Opportunities Appropriate for Governance

- It was suggested that there be a conversation about tuition increases and current salary trends.

Barb Barker motioned to adjourn, Jerry Braatz seconded, meeting adjourned at 3:55pm.

~minutes submitted by Judy Ballweg~