

SYSTEMWIDE EXTENSION COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, December 4, 2013
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Pyle Center, Madison

Minutes

Present: Tom Culviner, Linda Fleming, Kristine Zaballos, Katy Duren, Jessica Laeseke, Anna Haines, Dan Hill, Karen Dickrell, Matt Calvert, Erik Ernst, Eric Carver, Barry Orton, Anne O'Meara, Cindy Ruffert, Stacey Binder, Seth Meisel, Alyssa Schoenwaelder, Angela Coenen, Greg Hutchins, Ann Hoyt, Ray Cross, Dave Riley, Aaron Brower, Dawn Lingo, Tiffani Taggart

Phone: Julie Aminpour, Pamela Bowen, Gail Huycke

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

Call to order at 10:10am and certify open meetings requirements – Dan Hill

Welcome and Introductions

Chancellor Dialogue – Chancellor Ray Cross

- State Budget: Provided an update about the preparations underway to manage the 5-8% anticipated budget cut, effective July 2014. We need to continue to educate legislators about the value of UW-Ext and work on strengthening these relationships. The traditional block money is coming to our institution for distribution. A new model is needed and a team has been assigned to redesign the model. Looking to have a new model in place within the year. UW-Extension Deans/Directors and UW Colleges are working on addressing the budget cuts.
- Federal Budget: We are hoping the Farm Bill will pass, soon. Without a Farm Bill, the dairy subsidies will expire and the SNAP-Ed funding will be in jeopardy.
- Chapter 36: The legislators have been talking about bringing an advisory committee together to examine the language of Chapter 36 as well as bring classified staff into this model. It will be important to bring representation together from all groups as this initiative moves forward.
- Collaborating with Board of Visitors: You are encouraged to get to know these individuals and use them more effectively in an advocacy and advisory role by building a better understanding of your role and the value to UW-Ext. Judy will send you the Board of Visitors list.
- Regent Campus Liaisons: You are encouraged to get to know these individuals and use them more effectively in an advocacy and advisory role by building a better understanding of your role and the value to UW-Ext. The Board of Regents meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 5 will focus on "What is UW-Extension?". Judy will send you the Regent Campus Liaisons list.

Interim Provost Report – Aaron Brower

- UW-Extension Deans and Directors have been in conversations to determine how to address the base cut, earmark money for supplemental compensation (money for retention, equity, and compensation) as well as seed money for a new investment fund. An advisory committee will be formed to help think through this process (criteria, amount, how to replenish).

Interim Secretary of the Faculty and Academic Staff – Dan Hill

- Classified Staff Council Update: An election was held in November and a Council is in place.

- Membership Survey Results: An online tool has been developed by Kerie Wedige asking for your input around four areas – (1) Question for the Chancellor, (2) Opportunities, (3) Issues, (4) Update. We will resend the Survey prior to the March meeting as a way to identify future agenda topics.

UW Flex Degree and Continuing Education Collaboration – Aaron Brower, Provost and David Schejbal, Dean, Continuing Education, Outreach and E-Learning

- UW Flex Option: Aaron and David provided background ... November 18, open enrollment and assessment; January, activities start; currently 2500 students are in the enrollment process with another 200 students in the application process. Questions and Discussion followed.

Discussion: An opportunity for all members to provide an update on what's currently taking place on your campus and/or in your county or unit (entrepreneurial activities?)

- Members provided an update with follow up questions and discussion.

Approval of September 4 meeting minutes

Voice vote. Minutes approved.

2014 Meetings:

- Wednesday, March 5, Madison
- Wednesday, June 18, Location: UW-Platteville

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, March 5

Pyle Center, Rm. 325
702 Langdon Street
Madison, WI

Meeting Adjourned at 2:30pm

~minutes submitted by Judy Ballweg~