

University Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 1, 2014
1-4pm
Pyle Center, Madison

Present: Patrick McLaughlin, Nancy Anne Miller, Kathy Eisenmann, Karen Dickrell, John Shutske, Marty Havlovic, Craig Saxe, Don Taylor, Greg Hutchins, Judy Ballweg, Rose Smyrski, Dan Hill
Guest: Tom Schmitz, North Central Regional Director

Call to Order

Kathy Eisenmann, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 1pm and certified that the notice requirements of the open meetings law had been met.

Approval of March 4 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Miller, seconded by Saxe to approve the minutes. Voice vote, motion carried.

Great Start Initiative – Tom Schmitz, North Central Regional Director

- Tom distributed and discussed two documents ... “Supporting County-Based Colleagues Through the State Liaison Network” and Great Start: Proposals for Consistency across Regions Approved by Regional Directors”. This work serves as a guide as transitions occur in the liaison network and we move to regions. Discussion followed. Eisenmann raised several concerns at the lack of faculty involvement in the hiring processes for faculty positions and suggested academic department representation and/or faculty governance unit representation be included in each step of the process. Saxe and Dickrell cited two examples of how the lack of faculty involvement affected recent hiring processes. Revisit this topic in May.

Rose Smyrski, Interim Assistant Vice Chancellor of Communications and External Relations

- Effective March 1, Rose will provide leadership for university strategic communications along with development and government relations.

Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor – John Shutske

- John has enjoyed being in this role to help bridge communication. The search for the new Chancellor is on the fast track. Share your interest in serving on the Search Committee with Art by April 11.

Performance Review subcommittee report and discussion – Kathy Eisenmann

- This subcommittee met on March 4 in an effort to provide continual dialogue with Academic Department Chairs. Kathy will contact Frank Ginther to determine when it might be best that she attend an Academic Department Chairs meeting. It was suggested that David Prucha be invited to May meeting to discuss “merit” guidelines.

How Does UW-Ext Respond to Information Requests and Next Steps

- Representation is still needed from the Classified Staff Council and Youth Development. It was suggested we revisit this topic at the Joint Meeting in May.

Recording Results: Focus on Scholarship – Larry Jones

- Invite Larry to join Faculty Senate meeting on June 3.

Faculty Role and Selection of Next Chancellor

- Eisenmann raised concerns that decision-making authority provided to the University Committee and Faculty Senate under the Articles of Faculty Governance and state

law was being circumvented and the University Chair did not have the authority to unilaterally select faculty representatives. Eisenmann suggested either the University Committee acting on behalf of the Senate or the full Senate be responsible for nominating faculty representatives to the search and screen committee. After much conversation, Nancy Anne motioned that University Committee designate Art Lersch (Chair) as the spokes person to forward faculty names to serve on the Search Committee for the Next Chancellor. Craig Saxe seconded. Voice vote, motioned carried. Eisenmann asked her dissent on the vote be noted in the official minutes.

Pay Plan Approval Process and Future Timeline

- This is a place holder so future pay plans are approved in a timely manner. Revisit this topic in May.

Engaging Faculty Senators in Their Work

- Faculty Tenure Orientation Workshop
2014 Event: Tuesday, April 15, Holiday Inn-Stevens Point
Planning Team: Mary Pardee, Karen Dickrell, Nancy Anne Miller, Art Lersch
- SRP/FTAC Scholarship Forum
2014 Event: Wednesday, August 20, Holiday Inn-Stevens Point
Planning Team: Donna Duerst and Craig Saxe agreed to take the lead.
- It was suggested that the Faculty Senate orientation scheduled for September 9 include a flip chart “sign up” for Faculty Senate subcommittees.

University Committee Reports

- Systemwide Extension Council – Karen Dickrell
Next meeting is in June.
- Academic Leadership Standing Committee – Art Lersch
Nothing to report.
- Academic Department Chairs – Marty Havlovic
Ongoing discussion related to increasing stipends for temporary/part-time administrative roles (ex: ADC). Kathy Eisenmann motioned to support an increase in the Academic Department Chair stipend. Don Taylor seconded. Voice vote, motioned carried.
- UW System Faculty Reps Update – Craig Saxe
Next meeting is Friday, April 4.
- Statewide Resource Management Team – Art Lersch
Nothing to report.
- CEAC Liaison Update – Nancy Anne Miller
Nothing to report.

Review 2014-2015 Meeting Schedule

- Discuss at Joint Meeting in May and Faculty Senate meeting in June.

Election of 2014-2015 University Committee Chair

- Nancy Anne nominated Craig Saxe. By acclamation, Craig Saxe is the 2014-2015 University Committee Chair. Voice Vote, unanimous.

Identification of Future UC and FS Meeting Topics

- Planning Team Needed: Faculty Senate Orientation, scheduled for Tuesday, September 9.

Adjourn

Motion by Miller, seconded by Saxe to adjourn at 3:30pm. Voice vote, motion carried.

~minutes submitted by Judy Ballweg~