

University Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 5, 2016
11am-4pm
Pyle Center, Madison

Present: Kathy Eisenmann, Barb Barker, Jeff Hoffman, Marty Havlovic, Alexia Kulwiec, Jay Zambito, Judy Ballweg, Craig Saxe, Aaron Brower, Suresh Chalasani, George Kroeninger, Kim Kustka

1. Call to Order at 11am / Certification of Open Meeting Notice Compliance – Craig Saxe, Chair

2. Approval of meeting minutes – January 5, February 23, March 15

- Minutes approved

3. Provost Dialogue – Aaron Brower

- Newly adopted Board of Regents Faculty Tenure Policy needs alignment with UW-Ext Faculty Tenure Policy. With Jason Beier's assistance, it was suggested that the revised language be strengthened. If possible, plan to submit revised language to BOR by July 1 with the BOR reviewing during a fall meeting.
- Dan Hill has returned to his full time faculty appointment at the Coop Ext Local Government Center. We are pleased that Greg Hutchins has agreed to step in as half-time interim Secretary of the Faculty and Staff until July 1. The plan is to recruit a permanent half-time Secretary of the Faculty and Staff with a start date of July 1. The search and Screen committee will consist of Erik Ernst (Chair), Judy Ballweg, a rep from ASC, a rep from FS, a rep from USC, a rep from UW Colleges and a rep from UW-Madison. More information will be shared as it becomes available.
- Merit Based Plan Considerations Document and next steps – Aaron diagramed out the Recommendations on Merit Subcommittee document developed by Barb Barker and others. Discussion followed

4. Flex Business Degree

- Suresh Chalasani and George Kroeninger gave an overview of the Flex Program. Presently there are seven Flex Options available.
- Suresh Chalasani and George Kroeninger provided an overview of the Flex Business Degree. The Authorization to Implement Document and the included proposed curriculum were reviewed. UC members asked for clarification on how the Distributed Department (previously known as the Virtual Department) would function. Members shared concerns on how Faculty Senators would have oversight. It was suggested that this question be asked of UW System Legal.

Motion by Barb Barker, seconded by Alexia Kulwiec to approve Implementation Document and proposed curriculum. Motion by Kathy Eisenmann, seconded by Jeff Hoffman to table this motion until April 15 UC meeting. Motion to table failed. Motion to approve Implementation Document passed, 3-2.

5. Chair Report – Craig Saxe

- 2016-2017 Meeting Schedule was reviewed. Discussion was held on possible alternate dates. No changes were made to the meeting schedule as presented.

- Academic Department Election Results and Representation on Governance Groups updates were shared. Members were encouraged to forward those names to Judy Ballweg.
- Next UC WisLine: Tuesday, April 12, 9-10am.
- Election of 2016-2017 University Committee Chair
Motion by Jeff Hoffman to nominate Barb Barker as the 2016-2017 University Committee Chair, seconded by Kathy Eisenmann. Unanimous ballot, motion approved.

6. Recommendations on Merit Subcommittee – Barb Barker

- There was much discussion over the document/language approved at the December FS meeting. After dialogue with Provost Brower, Barb Barker agreed to reconvene the group to discuss proposed language change. If this document becomes policy, steps need to be taken to establish a policy number and post to the website.

7. Review UPG#7 -- Recommendations for Lateral Transfer and/or Retraining of Tenured Faculty (caused by program change or reduction) – Kathy Eisenmann

- The subcommittee has scheduled upcoming meetings (Kathy Eisenmann, Kathy Metzenbauer, Jeff Hoffman, Mike Ballweg, Jay Zambito, Alexia Kulwiec) and are preparing for the Board of Regents action.
- A Joint Meeting of Academic Departments is scheduled on April 20 at the JCEP Conference. Three alternative language options for our policy on seniority are to be discussed. Kathy Eisenmann will be working with Jason Beier to present at this Joint Meeting.

8. University Committee Reports

- Systemwide Extension Council (Kathy Eisenmann) – last meeting was March 2 and the Council is shaping their future and exploring their role.
- Academic Department Chairs Liaison (Marty Havlovic) – Layoff Policy was major discussion item.
- CEAC Liaison (Jeff Hoffman) – discussed merit, Federal Civil Rights Review being rescheduled. County Civil Rights Review (2-6) will take place by August.
- nEXT Generation Steering Committee Report (Jeff Hoffman) – be looking for an email (dated April 5) asking for workgroup member nominations. There will be a one-week nomination period. Workgroups will be populated and begin work by May 1. These workgroups will meet for 4-8 months, completing their work by fall, which will lead into the implementation stage. UC has scheduled a WisLine for April 12 to discuss populating workgroups for appropriate representation.
- Statewide Resource Management Team (Barb Barker) – next meeting is April 22.
- UW System Faculty Reps (Craig Saxe) – discussed Faculty Tenure Policy, preparing for Board of Regents meeting April 7-8, Institutional Title Review Process Taskforce.
- UWC/UW-Ext Administrative Council Reps Update (Armando Ibarra) – no report.

Future Agenda Items:

- Flex Business Degree
- Review UPG#7 – Recommendations for Lateral Transfer and/or Retraining of Tenured Faculty (caused by program change or reduction) – Kathy Eisenmann
- nEXT Generation Recommendations

~minutes submitted by Judy Ballweg~