

University Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 4, 2015
Pyle Center, Madison

Present: Marty Havlovic, Jeff Hoffman, Craig Saxe, Barb Barker, Kathy Eisenmann, Armando Ibarra, Ruth Schriefer, Dan Hill, Rick Klemme, Cathy Sandeen, Aaron Brower, Judy Ballweg, Jason Beier

Called to Order / Certification of Open Meeting Notice Compliance – Craig Saxe, Chair

Approval of July meeting minutes will be done at next meeting.

Chancellor Dialogue – Cathy Sandeen

- Participating in many county visits and they have all been great!
- State Budget has been approved, effective July 1. We will begin positioning ourselves for the next budget cycle soon. Themes will need to be identified and connecting with Board of Regent members will be very important. Sound bites will be needed.
- UW System strategic plan is in progress with listening sessions scheduled for this fall. More information will be shared soon outlining ways you can participate.

Discussion followed.

Provost Dialogue – Aaron Brower

- UW System Taskforce on Shared Governance has been disbanded. Shared governance in UW-Ext will remain unchanged.
- UW System Taskforce on Tenure will move ahead as planned with our input. Greg Wise is our representative and it was suggested that he provide an update at the September 1 Faculty Senate meeting. A letter is being prepared by the Chancellor to inform all UW-Ext faculty of the institution's plan to continue using its current tenure policy.
- Mission Statement: UW System has asked us to narrow the scope of our mission change to focus on the business degree at the bachelor's level vs the range of areas and degree levels that are currently included in the mission statement language change. Language change will require another round of governance group's approval. A new draft document will be shared soon with an approval scheduled for the September 1 Faculty Senate meeting.

Discussion followed.

Cooperative Extension Dean and Director Dialogue – Rick Klemme

- A CEAC Future Planning Update email to "Coop-all" was sent on July 31. This administrative team has been focusing on developing alternatives for local structure and delivery models. The August CEAC meeting will include discussion on campus investment, administration and support functions, and local presence. Additionally, Colleague Survey Results were shared along with Workgroup membership and objectives.
- Concern was expressed about the lack of detail within Section 5: Governance and Scholarship work group and Objectives. Marty Havlovic is the Chair and it was suggested that a University Committee representative be added. Armando Ibarra (alternate: Alexia Kulwicz) agreed to serve.
- It was suggested that Rick Klemme provide an update at the September 1 Faculty Senate Meeting.

Motion by Kathy Eisenmann that governance groups and Academic Department Chairs structural change(s) being discussed by CEAC workgroups be brought to Faculty Senate for dialogue/decision making. Motion failed. Decision making will continue under divisional authority.

Emeritus Status Policy – Jason Beier

- Jason distributed and discussed the draft policy.

Motion by Barb Barker to approve the new language to include Limited Appointees and University Staff along with retiring after ten or more years of distinguished service, seconded by Armando Ibarra, unanimous voice vote. Motion passed.

- It was suggested that Jason be invited to a future meeting to discuss UPS Implications for Faculty.

Chair Report – Craig Saxe

- The Faculty Senate Orientation is scheduled for September 1. It was suggested that we follow the 2014 agenda. A volunteer is needed to present, “What is Shared Governance”.
- Distributed and discussed Primary Goals – University Committee and Faculty Senate. Added the following goal – Implications of Shared Governance under the 2015-2017 State Budget. Revisit this topic at September 1 Faculty Senate Meeting.
- A draft Tenure Policy letter was distributed and discussed.
- Craig captured the edits and will share them with the Chancellor and Provost for distributing the letter to faculty.

University Committee reports:

- Systemwide Extension Council – Kathy Eisenmann
Next meeting is in September.
- Academic Department Chairs – Ruth Schriefer
Focus has been on Faculty Annual Review process. No future meeting date(s) have been set.
- CEAC – Jeff Hoffman
Focus has been on developing alternatives for local structure and delivery models. Next meeting is August 18-19, Keshena.
- Statewide Resource Management Team – Barb Barker
The team has expressed concern for the level of hire, needs assessment, plans of work, and statement of intent.
- Academic Leadership Standing Committee – Craig Saxe
No report
- UW System Faculty Reps – Craig Saxe
Distributed and discussed the UW-Milwaukee Position Paper, dated July 7.
- UWC/UW-Ext Administrative Council Reps Update – Armando Ibarra
Next meeting is August 17.

Recommendations on Merit Subcommittee – Barb Barker

- The subcommittee would like to have a conversation with Provost Aaron Brower and bring back to University Committee/Faculty Senate a summary of the conversation. Revisit this topic at the September 1 Faculty Senate meeting.

Faculty Annual Review Process Update – Ruth Schriefer, Jeff Hoffman, Kathy Eisenmann

- Nothing new to report.

Review of Chapter 3: Faculty Appointments – 3.08(4) circumstances that do not constitute a break in continuous service

- All agreed more discussion is needed. It was suggested this be a future SRP/FTAC Scholarship Forum agenda topic. Revisit topic at future UC / FS meetings.

Engaging Faculty Senators in their work –

- SRP/FTAC Scholarship Forum
Date/Location: Tuesday, August 18, 2015 / Jefferson Street Inn-Wausau
Participants: 32

Be looking for an email confirmation to be sent soon which will include an agenda and participant list.

Identification of Future Meeting Topics

- Proposed Mission Statement Change – Aaron Brower
- Cooperative Extension / Budget Implications for Faculty – Rick Klemme
- UPS Implications for Faculty – Jason Beier
- Primary Goals – University Committee and Faculty Senate – Craig Saxe
- Faculty Annual Review Process – Ruth Schriefer, Jeff Hoffman, Kathy Eisenmann
- Recommendations on Merit Subcommittee – Barb Barker
- Review of Chapter 3: Faculty Appointments – 3.08(4)

~minutes submitted by Judy Ballweg~