Joint Meeting: University Committee and Academic Staff Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 9, 2013
1-4pm
Pyle Center, Madison

Present: Art Lersch, Don Taylor, Nancy Anne Miller, Patrick McLaughlin, Craig Saxe, Marty Havlovic, Kathy Eisenmann, Karen Dickrell, Judy Ballweg, Dan Hill, Krystal Wambold, Emily Johnson, Bill Klase, John Monson, Tom Culviner, Lori Skelton, Steve Wildeck, Aaron Brower, Mary Ann Gerrard, Rosemary Potter, Jesse Tormey

Call to Order
Art Lersch called the meeting to order at 1:10pm and certified that the notice requirements of the open meetings law had been met.

Welcome and Introductions

Welcome to Mary Ann Gerrard, Rosemary Potter, Jesse Tormey
- Mary Ann, Rosemary and Jesse will work together to advocate for both our institutions to continue developing positive relationships with federal, state and local elected officials as well as fund development and communications.

Approval and January 8 meeting minutes
- Munson motioned to approve minutes, Nancy Anne seconded, minutes approved.

University Personnel System (UPS) Update – David Prucha
- Nothing new to report
- It was suggested that governance groups coordinate action in support of any possible implementation of UPS. Invite Rod Rotar, Classified Staff Committee Chair to upcoming meetings.
- It was suggested that there be a conversation about possible changes to our Benefits (Jeanne Stuckert?)

Chancellor Dialogue – (on behalf of Chancellor Cross)
- Budget / Pay Plan – Steve Wildeck, Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance, UWC & UW-Ext, distributed and discussed handout, “2013-1015 Wisconsin Budget Actions on the UW System.” There will be many discussions taking place around this data between now and January 1. This data will discussed at the upcoming Deans and Directors meeting scheduled for next week.
- Government Relations – Rosemary Potter, Mary Ann Gerrard and Jesse Tormey stressed the need to increase our communication efforts with legislators and to sell extension. It was suggested that we brainstorm ways to engage WPT and WPR members. Rosemary will provide opportunities and talking points. A Development Advisory Committee has been created to concentrate on “back office” operations in which there will be UWC and UW-Ext representation. Next meeting is August 8.
- Farm Bill Update (as it relates to Smith Lever and Hatch funding) – keep this topic on future agendas.

Interim Provost Update – Aaron Brower
- UW Flex Option: Two University of Wisconsin institutions (UW-Milwaukee and UW Colleges) planning to offer self-paced, competency-based degrees via the UW Flexible Option have received permission to move forward from their accrediting authority, the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). The State Budget includes $2
million to fund start-up costs for this first-in-the-nation approach, making it easier for people to pursue higher education. This is great news for students and workers.

- UW-Ext and Being Entrepreneurial / Identifying Activities: We need to continue to keep this topic on future agenda and begin to have collective conversations about what tools we currently have and what tools we need.

Interim Secretary of the Faculty and Academic Staff – Dan Hill
- Program Innovation Fund Awardees: Funded/Not Funded Letters are currently being prepared and a general announcement will be coming soon.
- October Governance Meeting: Please mark your calendar for Wednesday, October 16.
- University Staff Committee Formation: Approved bylaws are awaiting Chancellor Cross’ approval.

University Committee Report – Art Lersch
- Working on hiring practices, better communication plan, portfolio submission requirements, scholarly work, performance reviews, enhance communication with regional directors about faculty governance. Trainings and workshops scheduled for 2013 include: Faculty Tenure Orientation Workshop, SRP/FTAC Scholarship Forum, e-Portfolio Submission Webinar.

Academic Staff Council Report – Krystal Wambold
- Continued to discuss Chapter 15: UW-Ext Policies and Procedures Governing Title Prefix Review for Promotion, approval is anticipated very soon.
- Continued to discuss Chapter 10: UW-Ext Policies and Procedures – Academic Staff Appointments and the proposed language change. David Prucha and Chancellor Cross will work on proposed language changes.

Identification of future meeting topics
- University Personnel System (UPS) April 10-11 meeting summary (May 7 mtg topic; Erik Ernst or David Prucha to report)

Adjourn
Nancy Anne motioned to adjourn, Maria Bendixen seconded, meeting adjourned at 3:55pm.

~minutes submitted by Judy Ballweg~