

**University Committee Meeting**  
**Tuesday, October 26, 2010**  
**1:30-3:30pm**  
**Via WisLine**

**Present:**

Chuck Prissel, Matt Hansen, Kathleen Haas, Eric Carson, Corliss Olson, Greg Hutchins, Karen Dickrell.  
Chris Kniep joined the group at 2:25 p.m.

1. Call to Order and Certify open meeting requirements. Chuck called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and certified open meeting requirements had been met.
2. Chuck reminded the group that University Committee has a lunch planned with Dean Rick Klemme on December 14<sup>th</sup> to have an informal discussion with him.
3. It was recommended that when the new Chancellor comes on board, we have a dialogue with that person on their insights on faculty governance.
4. Dialogue focused on the eight questions generated by Ken Bolton. We were reminded that we do have access to University Attorneys with legal issues.
  - a. Discussion followed on how we might move forward. It was suggested that we look at a possible Faculty Senate Ad Hoc work group with a focus on the articles of faculty governance and how they are interpreted.
  - b. We discussed the role of the Secretary of the Faculty in reference to articles of faculty governance interpretation.
  - c. Specifically we looked at questions 4 and 5 and what further study might be needed.
  - d. Greg suggested that the documents of faculty governance should be reviewed every 3-5 years. Are we doing that? How often do we review the documents? Greg suggested this might be a starting point.
5. Next steps: Formation of Ad Hoc of Faculty Senate working with the Secretary of the Faculty. It was suggested that we have a specific goal in mind, narrow the focus to address specific information.
  - a. Possible threads:
    - i. Staffing
    - ii. Role of faculty
    - iii. Role of the department in staffing
    - iv. Role of department with administration
    - v. Role of academic department chair

- b. 10 year study of faculty status, baseline of how many positions we have had in the various departments over time. Greg will check on what is available with the information in his office.
- c. Review Chapter 36 description:
  - i. Faculty in reference to ensuring “educational activities”
  - ii. Academic Staff- this language is not present here
  - iii. Are the people hired for Dept. Head /Administration role appropriate for the position and the rank assigned?

Kathleen and Corliss asked to be excused at 2:30 p.m.

- 6. Chuck reminded us that there has been a meeting time change for November 9<sup>th</sup>. Lunch will be provided at both meetings-
  - a. 11:30-1:00 Academic Council
  - b. 12:30-2:30 University Committee
- 7. Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Minutes Recorded by Karen Dickrell