

University Committee Meeting
Tuesday, December 14, 2010
11am-1pm
Pyle Center and via Teleconference

Present: Matt Hanson, Corliss Olson, Eric Carson, Marv Van Kekerix, Christine Quinn, Greg Hutchins, Judy Ballweg, Rick Klemme

By Phone: Chuck Prissel, Chris Kniep, Karen Dickrell, Kathleen Haas

1. Call to Order and Certify open meeting requirements.
 - Chuck called the meeting order at 11:15am and certified open meeting requirements had been met.
2. Approval of Minutes for the November 9 Meeting.
 - Karen moved to approve minutes, Kathleen seconded, minutes approved.
3. University Committee Meeting will be January 11, from 11:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m. via WisLine.
 - Madison-based colleagues will gather in the Red Gym. We discussed that teleconferences save time and travel, but there is some compromise. We would like to explore other options of technology that might be available for future meetings such as Skype or some other forum for communicating that includes visual as well as audio.
4. Resolution in Support of the Research to Jobs Growing the Research Infrastructure: UW Research Commons.
 - Marty Havlovic, member of the Council of UW Libraries, will be at the Faculty Senate meeting scheduled later today. The resolution was discussed at the November University Committee. Chuck sent a copy of the resolution to the University Committee and asked Judy to have copies for the Faculty Senate meeting.
5. Faculty Governance Understanding and Appreciation – raised concerns
 - Concerns were discussed in preparation for conversation with Rick Klemme who joined the Committee for lunch. Dialogue included questions/answers regarding maintaining trust and open communication, funding, building understanding, valuing faculty and academic staff members, as well as faculty roles and responsibilities.
 - Next steps include sharing University Committee and Faculty Senate meeting dates/locations with Rick and inviting his participation/contributions when possible/appropriate as well as bringing faculty members into conversations that address county position vacancies.

The following are notes/perspectives from Matt Hanson from discussions with Marv Van Kekerix, Christine Quinn, Rick Klemme and Greg Hutchins on Tuesday December 14 during our University Governance Meeting.

Update from Marv Van Kekerix:

UW-System Budget was passed by Board of Regents

- Includes restoration of the 2% pay plan that was rescinded last June
- Restore furlough piece into our budget (3%)
- Includes a 2% pay plan for the next budget cycle

Now the negotiations begin!

As part of the negotiations, UW-System is asking for flexibility in how we handle cuts. A great potential opportunity is possible in the area of procurement where we could connect with the consortium of higher education groups and get even better prices for items and materials we use and see substantial savings. We'd like to be able to use those savings to meet our flexible needs.

GROWTH AGENDA <http://www.wisconsin.edu/growthagenda/>

This budget is connected to the UW-Systemwide Growth Agenda proposal that we hope will be incorporated into Gov. Elect Walker's proposed budget in late January or early February.

UW System's Growth Agenda for Wisconsin is a vision to help the state of Wisconsin and its citizens thrive in the innovation economy. The plan has three goals:

1. to develop the state's human potential,
2. to create new jobs, and
3. to strengthen local communities.

This is **THE** budget where we need to be aligned with System regarding the Growth Agenda. **We are integral in the success of Growing Jobs, People and Communities!**

Key message points to legislators will focus around the Growth Agenda.

The Sky is not falling..

Rick has asked for names to create a Friends of Cooperative Extension Network that would allow Rosemary Potter to directly communicate with key stakeholders. She would provide a description of the situation, key legislator to visit with and key talking points to discuss. In short, we need folks willing to make a phone call or visit with key legislators as the budget is working itself through the process. This network encompasses **EVERY** division of Extension and UW-Colleges.

Rosemary is also working on the development of an internal Government Relations Interactive website that allows an ability to record the who, what, when regarding issues discussed with representatives. This is potentially open record info so only general info would be recorded. This allows Rosemary and other Administrators to know more specifics about representatives and the contacts we have with them.

If this Systemwide Growth Agenda can be incorporated into Gov. Elect Walker's proposed budget, it has a much greater chance of success than trying to incorporate it later in the process.

The comprehensive campuses, colleges and Extension institutions will put their full efforts into the growth agenda.

We need consistency of the message, and frequency of the message. Marv feels the most important piece is the frequency of the message to support the growth agenda.

On Jan 3rd Scott Walker is inaugurated. On that same day, his administration is calling a special session to discuss Job Creation. UW-Systems intent is to be part of that discussion and solution.

NEW CHANCELLOR UPDATE:

Ray Cross, our new Chancellor starts on Feb 7th.

Marv has agreed to fill the role as Provost and Vice Chancellor role through June 30th. Marv's concern was how to best utilize Ray's time, spending time working on our budget or getting to know the institutions. (most likely the later and let Marv complete the budget process which is underway and allow Ray Cross to build a stronger understanding of our two institutions.)

Christine Quinn:

Christine will be leaving us on January 20th. She has been instrumental in several sustainability initiatives including the broadband grant (\$46 Million) which will:

- Expands access to the UW-System
- Grows jobs
- Builds stronger communities

Some of the telephone companies are rebelling against the grant with the feeling that it provides an unfair advantage/competition against them.

This grant provides some indirect funding that the UW would like to reinvest into other sustainability initiatives that again focus on jobs, economy and community.

Christine continues to work very closely with Governance. She continues to be a very strong advocate of scholarship citing us as having the best, current, cutting edge research and also the role of engaged scholarship – as we engage with communities.

Christine continues to ask that we push ourselves to leverage resources as best possible including cross institution work/partnerships.

We need to have Christine Quinn continue to share her perspectives of the importance of faculty.

Rick Klemme:

Rick realized the gaps in conversations with Faculty Governance when refilling positions. We are looking for ways to improve and build communication.

He is looking for ways to build a flexible staffing model which can expand and contract with resources, and finding ways to integrate work with other staff/programs

Greg Hutchins:

During the interim following the departure of Christine, Greg will continue to work to advance Christine's efforts, particularly as it relates to engaged scholarship.

6. Faculty Governance Unite (FGU) Chair – role clarification was reviewed by Chris Kniep
 - Two Implementation Team teleconferences have been held to discuss questions regarding faculty governance and shared roles as they relate to administrative issues and shared roles. This team is reviewing the process and plan to write a paper clarifying the issues. A teleconference will be offered to staff to clarify the information. It is hoped that this will be completed within a month.

7. Faculty Senate Meetings

- Further discussion about the February 8 Faculty Senate meeting will take place at the Faculty Senate meeting scheduled later today.

8. Adjourn at 1:05pm.

~minutes submitted by Judy Ballweg~