

University Committee Meeting
Tuesday, April 12, 2011
11am-4pm
Pyle Center

Present: Eric Carson, Mike Ballweg, Chris Kniep, Karen Dickrell, Chuck Prissel, Corliss Olson, Kathleen Haas, Ray Cross, Marv Van Kekerix, Greg Hutchins, Judy Ballweg

1. Call to Order and Certify open meeting requirements.
 - Chuck called the meeting order at 11:05am and certified open meeting requirements had been met.
2. Approval of Minutes for the January 11 and February 16 Meeting.
 - Kathleen moved to approve January 11 meeting minutes, Corliss seconded, minutes approved.
 - Kathleen moved to approve February 16 meeting minutes with edit, Corliss seconded, minutes approved.
3. Chancellor Update
 - Provided an update on the New Badger Partnership and the Wisconsin Idea Partnership. Supportive letters and resolutions have been greatly appreciated and have been making an impact. There are four potential options: (1) Badger Partnership passes, (2) Wisconsin Idea Partnership passes, (3) there's a compromise proposal granting flexibilities, or (4) nothing happens. Updates will be shared as information becomes available.
 - The UW Colleges and UW-Extension Strategic Planning Process has been delayed. A schedule of county/campus visits and meetings is being developed to help set priorities.
 - Feedback needed from University Committee members: How can the Chancellor be more helpful? Please forward a list of priorities, pressing issues, concerns that you'd like to discuss.
 - No action currently taken on the Provost search. The budget process has been the priority. Next step could include appoint an interim, conduct a national search, delaying the process. How do you think it might be best to proceed? Please forward your thoughts to the Chancellor.

Questions and Discussion followed.

- Many Committee members expressed their appreciation to the Chancellor for his approachability and openness.
- There was a discussion about how to create a better understanding of the public employee and then being able to communicate the value to legislators. It was suggested that we showcase individuals/programs and solicit public testimonials. Coop Ext is preparing to celebrate their 100th anniversary. The planning team is working on capturing testimonials in support of their work. Perhaps different audiences could benefit from this project/historical perspective. It was also suggested that perhaps the stories within the faculty tenure portfolios be used to communicate our value.
- There was a discussion about assistance in securing grant dollars as well as assistance in researching and writing grant proposals. Unclear if this person would serve in the capacity of grant developer or have more of a clearinghouse function. A broad knowledge of UWC and UW-Ext as well as funding structure would be needed in an effort to create a bridge between divisions and institution. There's also a need for assistance in researching opportunities and writing. Grant management is crucial and difficult. Securing money should be based on a need. Greg shared that UW-Extension is part of GRC (Grants Resource Center).

4. Interim Provost Update

- Continuing conversations regarding the New Badger Partnership and the Wisconsin Idea Partnership.
- Working closely with UW System in reclaiming money within their budget that should be part of UW-Extension budget.
- Continuing conversations with UW System regarding budget reductions and next steps.
- Attended WACEC (Wisconsin Associated County Extension Committee) on March 28, 29, 30 in Milwaukee
- Attended PILD (Public Issues Leadership Development) on April 4, 5, 6 in Washington, DC
- Attended Board of Regents Meeting, April 14, in Platteville
- Building Community Capacity through Broadband is going well. The team has recently moved into their permanent offices – 660 W. Washington Ave, Suite 309, Madison, Ph: 608-890-4253. Visit their website -- <http://broadband.uwex.edu/>
- Gov. Scott Walker says he may have to again consider laying off state employees if his collective bargaining law remains tied up in the courts for much more than the next week or two. He also said that the state has no plans to retroactively collect the higher health care and pension payments from state employees if the courts clear the way.

5. Chair Report

- Revisit 2011-2012 Meeting Schedule
 - Academic Staff Council agreed on meeting dates proposed by University Committee/Faculty Senate and to follow the same schedule as 2010-2011.
- Recap Joint Meeting with UW Colleges, March 11
 - The panel discussion was very interesting and informative.
 - Community Resource Development work covers a broad area and Leadership Academy helped bridge collaborations.
 - A campus communication arts department may be teaming up with Farm Tech Days.
 - It was suggested that a future joint meeting include a World Café approach (3 hours) be offered within regions. This approach could help identify local needs and identify what's currently being done.
 - 2012 meeting date: Friday, March 23, UW-Marshfield
- Electronic Portfolio Submission Recommendations
 - University Committee endorsed, Faculty Tenure Advisory Committee (FTAC) has been notified and the Recommendations have been posted to the FTAC website.
 - This topic will be included in the Faculty Tenure Orientation Workshops scheduled for May 9 and September 12 as well as Tenure and Scholarship Annual Review Forum held in August.
 - It was suggested that Steve Huntzicker (LaCrosse) be recruited to submit an electronic version of his portfolio as a model.
- ASC and UC Joint Resolution honoring the leadership of Marv Van Kekerix
 - Individuals who agreed to help write: Chris Kniep, Karen Dickrell, Erik Ernst, Lisa Nielsen Agnew
 - WisLine will be scheduled to bring this group together.
 - Review and Approve Joint Resolution at the ASC and UC joint meeting, May 10.

6. University Committee Assignments for 2010-2011 and Reports (if any)

- Systemwide Extension Council – Karen Dickrell
 - next meeting is June 8, location to be determined
- Academic Leadership Standing Committee –
 - next meeting is Thursday, June 2, 10am-3pm, Pyle Center
 - Chuck plans to attend

- Faculty Reps Council – Chris Kniep
 - The group met on March 11. Agenda topics included: New Badger Partnership vs Wisconsin Idea Partnership, Faculty Unionization, 12-month Pay Schedule, Pay Plan, Future of Faculty Reps
7. Faculty Governance Unit (FGU) Chair – role clarification
 - Election is currently underway with an effective date of July 1.
 - An Orientation WisLine has been scheduled for Wednesday, June 15, 10:30-11:30am.
 - The FGU Implementation Team will take the lead in organizing this orientation.
 8. 2011 Faculty Tenure Orientation Workshops
 - Monday, May 9 and Monday, September 12, 9am-3pm, Holiday Inn Hotel & Convention Center, Stevens Point
 - Currently 22 have registered, plus the committee, for a total of 31.
 - Jennifer Lattis will represent System Legal Counsel.
 - Registration deadline for the May workshop is Friday, April 29.
 - Planning Team includes: Mike Ballweg (chair), Patrick Nehring, Barb Barker, Pete Kling, Jennifer Erickson, Otto Wiegand, Bill Halfman, Karen Dickrell, Jennifer Caravella, Annette Haas
 9. Tenure and Scholarship Annual Review Forum
 - Planning Team includes: Connie Eisch, Craig Saxe, Kathleen Haas, Mike Ballweg, David Fischer.
 - Looking to secure a date in mid- to late-August. Location will be Holiday Inn Hotel & Convention Center, Stevens Point.
 - Planning will begin once date has been determined.
 10. Academic Department Updates
 - Agriculture/Agribusiness and Family Development have benefited by the faculty governance presentation by Greg Hutchins.
 - Chuck will take the lead for Youth Development in getting a date/time secured for the faculty governance presentation by Greg.
 - Community Resource Development is working on securing a date/time to discuss the changing environment, identify areas that will be impacted, and to identify priorities.
 - Agriculture/Agribusiness senators and University Committee reps are coming together for more dialogue and better connecting.

Discussion then shifted to the importance of UW-Extension tenure-track faculty positions during these economically challenging times and being mindful of temporary, limited use of non-tenured track positions to meet dual goals – to keep position and serve the community.

After much discussion, Mike Ballweg moved to create a resolution that the University Committee supports caution in the use of non-tenured track positions and supports the importance of tenure track faculty. Karen seconded. Motion approved. Corliss, Mike and Karen agreed to write a resolution for review/approval at the University Committee meeting on May 10.

It was also suggested that the group work on developing concepts to be shared with others to encourage broader communication/conversation.

11. Election of 2011-2012 University Committee Chair

- Chuck expressed his appreciation to the committee as well as support from Greg and Judy this past year. He has tremendous respect for the work of this group and the leadership it provides UW-Extension.
- Karen Dickrell came forward and expressed interest in serving as Chair. Kathleen moved to nominate Karen for University Committee Chair, second by Corliss. Motion approved.
- Vice Chair will be appointed at the July meeting.

12. Collective Bargaining

- Corliss reported that UW System campuses are continuing to form unions.

13. Mike motioned to adjourn, Eric seconded, meeting adjourned at 3:50pm

~minutes submitted by Judy Ballweg~