

University Committee Meeting
Tuesday, June 14, 2011
11:30am-1pm
Red Gym

Present: Eric Carson, Matt Hanson, Ray Cross, Chuck Prissel, Mike Ballweg, Greg Hutchins, Kathleen Haas, Chris Kniep, Karen Dickrell, Judy Ballweg

1. Call to Order and Certify open meeting requirements.
 - Chuck called the meeting order at 11:34am and certified open meeting requirements had been met.
2. Approval of Minutes from the May 10 Meeting.
 - Matt moved to approve meeting minutes, Eric seconded, minutes approved.
3. Chair Report
 - Chuck thanked committee members for their support, contributions, and accomplishments this past year.
 - Appoint UW System Faculty Rep
 - Eric offered to be Faculty Rep. Karen moved to approve electing Eric Carson to be Faculty Rep, Matt seconded, motion approved.
 - University Committee Replacements / Serving Balance of Term
 - Labor Education/School for Workers
Replacing Corliss Olson: Michael Childers (serving until 6/30/12)
 - Agriculture/Agribusiness
Replacing Matt Hanson: Mike Ballweg (serving until 6/30/13)

Kathleen moved to approve Mike Childers and Mike Ballweg as replacements to the University Committee in accordance to Article 2.10 (3) Election Procedures for Senate and University Committee, Karen seconded, motion approved.

 - Feedback to Chancellor: how can the chancellor be more helpful?
 - It was suggested that feedback include thanking the administration for their work with key legislators in moving our best interests forward as well as being approachable and accessible when necessary.
 - Chancellor Cross provided the following updates:
 - Distributed and discussed the Omnibus Motion #489 which outlines the proposed budget and flexibilities. It also outlines the provisions that are devastating to WiscNet and the broadband grant. An agreeable compromise to the language is being drafted.
 - Chancellor Biddy Martin is leaving the university to become president of Amherst College.
 - UW Colleges and UW-Extension strategic planning process is in its early stage. Feedback from Faculty Senate and Academic Staff Council will be needed in moving the plan forward. A meeting will be scheduled to bring members and others together for a one-half day, in late September.
4. University Committee Assignments for 2010-2011 and Reports (if any)
 - Systemwide Extension Council – Karen Dickrell
 - Met on June 8, in Madison. Members had good dialogue around the question, “How can UW-Extension be (or be perceived as) more relevant?”

- Academic Leadership Standing Committee –
 - Met on Thursday, June 2, in Madison. Agenda items included: budget update (state and federal); Rick Klemme to chair the Extension Committee on Organization and Policy (ECOP), effective November 1; Coop Extension's plan for restructuring to 4 districts (currently 6 districts); and procedure for awarding emeritus status (UPG #4). It was suggested that procedure for awarding emeritus status be discussed at a future University Committee meeting.
 - Faculty Rep Council – Chris Kniep
 - The group has not met since March. However, the Reps have been receiving updates on the Omnibus Motion #489 which outlines the provisions that are devastating to WiscNet and the broadband grant, an update on conversation of sick leave to pay for health insurance after retirement, and the development of President Reilly's advisory committee charged with determining how best to handle the proposed 25% reduction in UW System base funding,
5. Update on Interim Secretary of the Faculty and Academic Staff
 - Dan Hill has accepted the position of Interim Secretary of the Faculty and Academic Staff and Assistant Vice Chancellor for the next year, effective July 18. Judy Ballweg will continue in her current role supporting the work of the governance groups and Secretary and Assistant Vice Chancellor.
 6. Governance Representation and Coop Ext Potential Restructuring
 - Academic Department representation on various committees is based on the current district structure. The restructuring will need to be taken into consideration prior to the spring elections. It was suggested that an upcoming University Committee or Faculty Senate meeting include a discussion with the academic department chairs.
 7. Discussion of Institutional Issues and Opportunities Appropriate for Governance
 - Coop Extension's political effectiveness team has finished their work and criteria are being included in faculty reviews. It was suggested that this topic be discussed at a future University Committee or Faculty Senate meeting.
 8. Meeting adjourned at 1:05pm.

~minutes submitted by Judy Ballweg~